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I GET OFF,
SUPERMAN—LET'S
SEE WHAT THE
LITTLE CHAP CAN
DO!



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SUPERMAN

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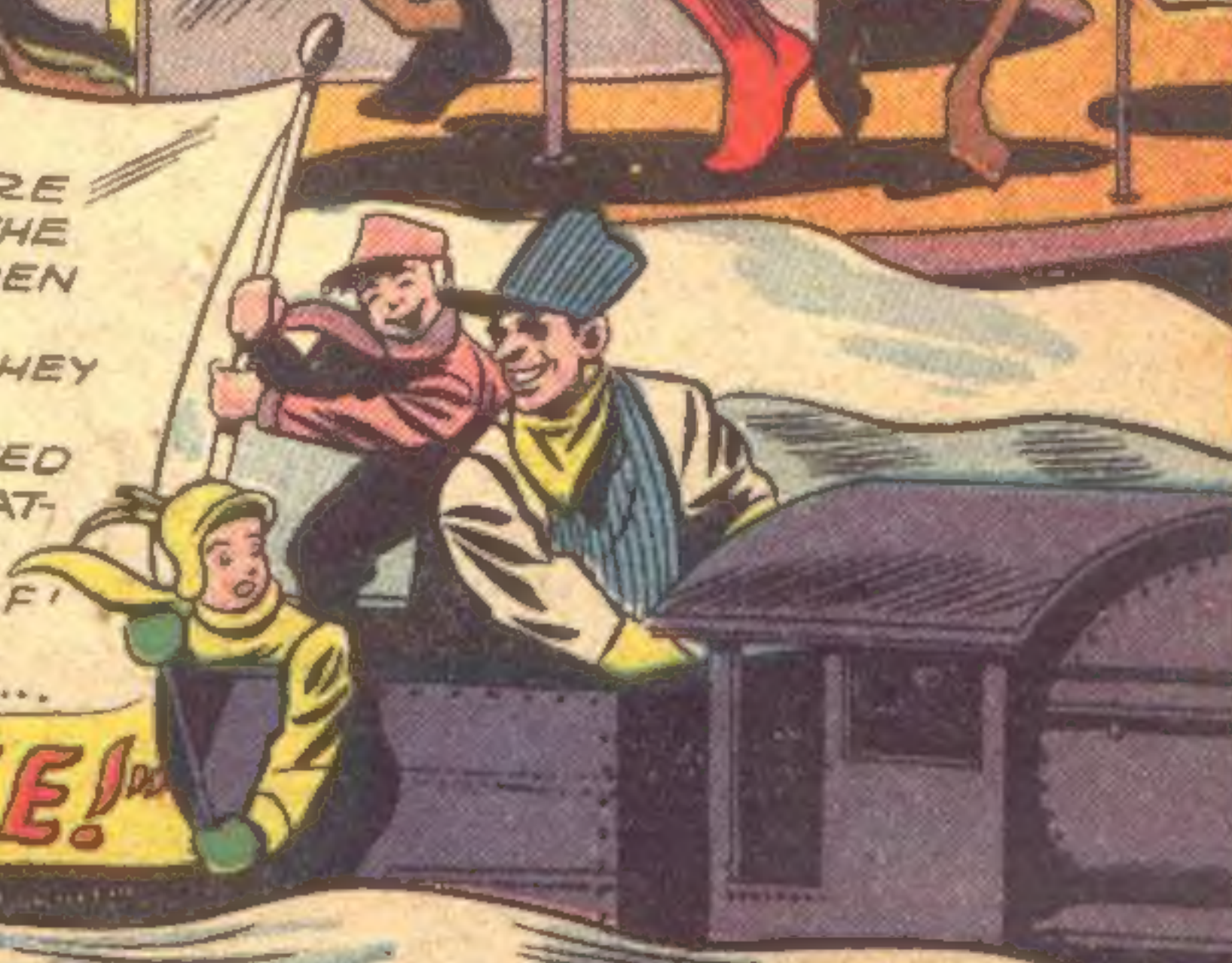


WHERE THERE'S A WILL-- THERE ARE RELATIVES AND HEIRS! IN THIS CASE THE HEIRS ARE CHILDREN... ALL THE CHILDREN IN AMERICA!

THEIR LEGACY-- A FUNLAND, WHERE THEY CAN PLAY AND LAUGH!

BUT-- THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY INVOLVED IN THAT WILL, AND THAT'S WHERE THE RELATIVES COME IN... AND LOIS LANE... AND SUPERMAN... AND EVEN SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF! AND THE QUESTION IS: WILL THERE BE A Merry Christmas in...

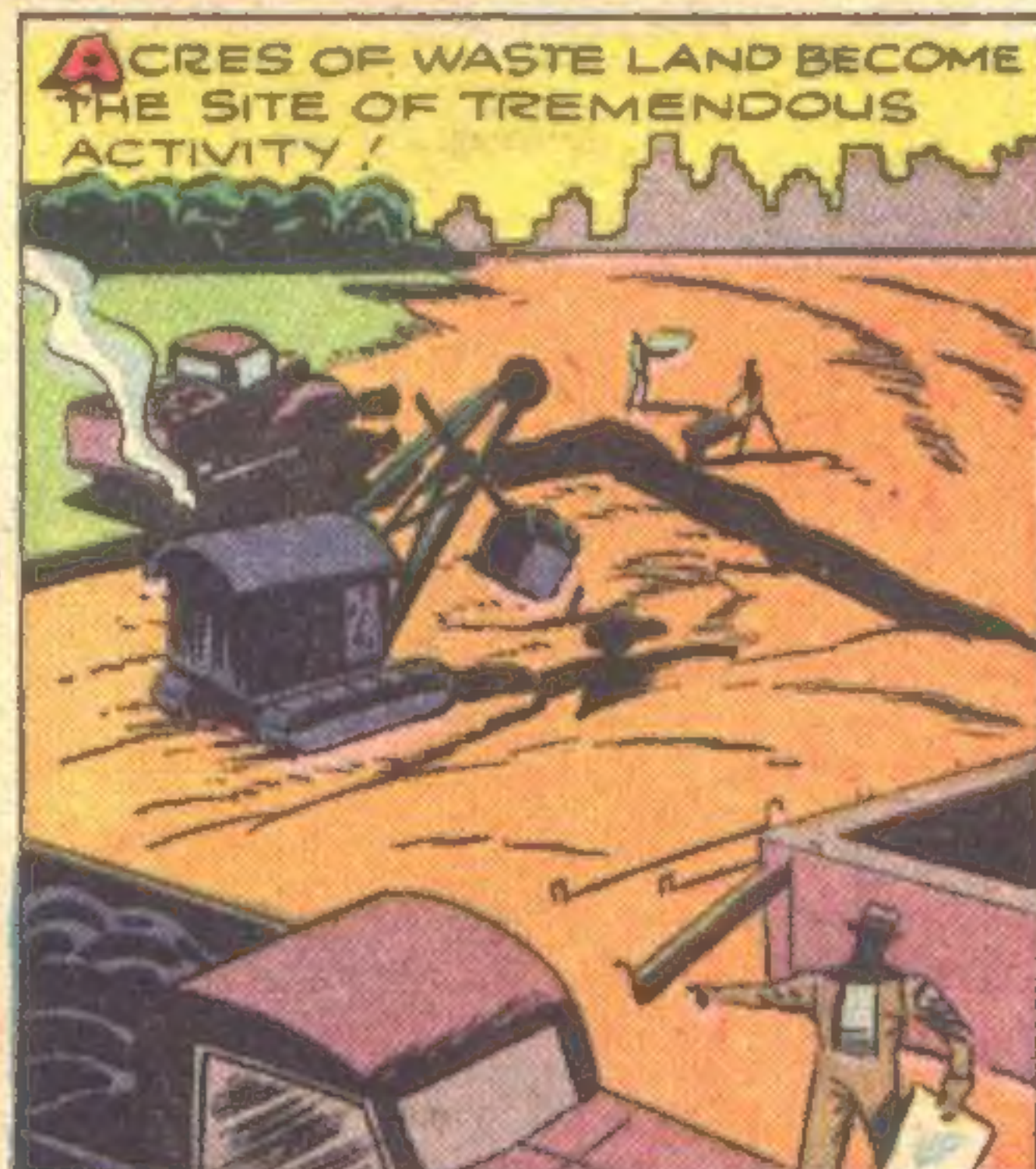
FAIRYLAND ISLE!



BY RIGHTS, THIS STORY SHOULD START WHEN JOHN NICHOLAS WAS A CHILD... A CHILD WHO NEVER HAD A CHILDHOOD...



IT TOOK FIFTY YEARS FOR NICHOLAS TO GET RICH, BUT HE NEVER FORGOT HIS PROMISE! FOR, ONE DAY...



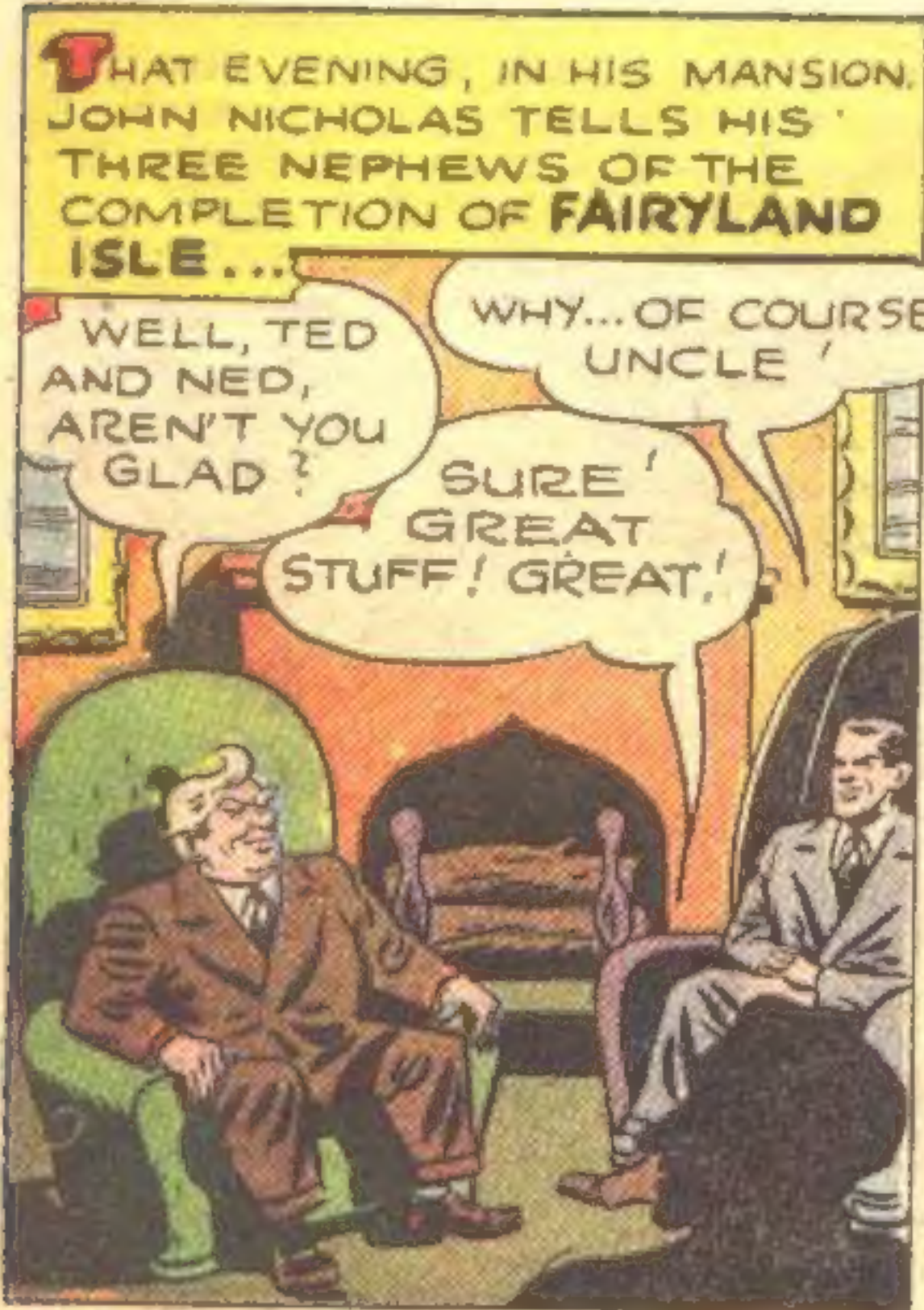
THERE CLARK KENT FINDS JOHN NICHOLAS WATCHING THE PROCEEDINGS...



EXCUSING HIMSELF, CLARK FINDS A SECLUDED SPOT AND THERE PEELS OFF HIS CONFINING OUTER GARMENTS...







IT WAS DIS-APPOINTING NOT TO RECEIVE THE MONEY, BUT AT LEAST IT WILL BE USED FOR SOME GOOD.

MAYBE THIS FAIRYLAND ISLE SCHEME WON'T WORK! IT MIGHT PROVE DANGEROUS TO KIDS!

THAT'S RIGHT! ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN!

THAT NIGHT... TED AND NED CONFER WITH FANCY DAN, MOB LEADER!

YOU UNDERSTAND, WE WANT YOUR MEN TO CREATE A FEW "ACCIDENTS" THAT WILL MAKE THE PLAYLAND SEEM DANGEROUS FOR CHILDREN SO OTHER PLAYLANDS WILL BE ABANDONED AND WE WILL RECEIVE THE MILLIONS!

OKAY! I WON'T CHARGE YOU MUCH— ONLY ONE OF THE MILLIONS YOU'LL GET IF I DO THE JOB RIGHT!

(GULP) OKAY... BUT REMEMBER ONE THING... WE DON'T WANT ANY CHILDREN REALLY HURT!

YES, MAKE THE ACCIDENTS SEEM LIKE CLOSE CALLS, BUT DON'T HURT ANY CHILDREN!

SURE, SURE!

(--CHUMPS! I WANT MY MILLION, AND I WANT TO GET IT FAST, AND IF KIDS GET HURT, SO WHAT!--)

ONE DAY LATER... IN THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE, CLARK KENT IS PAGED...

HEY, KENT! SANTA CLAUS WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU OUTSIDE!

STOP YOUR KIDDING!

CRAZY KID! SANTA CLAUS! HE... WHAT!

MR. KENT, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER!

I'M THE OFFICIAL SANTA CLAUS OF FAIRYLAND ISLE! I WAS HIRED YESTERDAY, BUT AMONG OTHER MEN BEING HIRED WERE SOME WHO LOOKED LIKE GANGSTERS! MR. KENT, I'VE HEARD YOU CAN CONTACT SUPERMAN...

I UNDER- STAND, SANTA. I'LL SEE THAT SUPERMAN IS AT FAIRYLAND ISLE TO KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR TROUBLE!

SANTA LEAVES. AND ON HIS FACE IS A STRANGE, CRYPTIC SMILE... BUT EVEN STRANGER IS THE SMILE ON CLARK'S FACE!

WHY??

THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS!
FAIRYLAND ISLE OPENS OFFICIALLY
 AND A HORDE OF EXCITED KIDS
 POUR THROUGH THE GATES!



AMONG THE VISITORS
 ARE OTHER "YOUNGSTERS."



BUT AT THE VENDOR'S
 STAND, CLARK'S EVER
 WATCHFUL EYES SUD-
 DENLY FOCUS IN TEL-
 ESCOPIC VISION...



BEHIND THE
 VENDOR'S
 STAND, CLARK
 FLINGS OFF
 HIS OUTER
 GARB--AND
SUPERMAN
 ROCKETS
 TOWARD THE
 PLUNGING
 SKY TRAIN.



AND AS
SUPERMAN
 DEPOSITS HIS
 PRECIOUS
 BURDEN.....



THEN... BACK TO CLARK KENT...
 BUT NOT FORGETTING THE ICE
 CREAM CONE!

PHEW! GOOD THING
SUPERMAN WAS AROUND
 TO RESCUE THOSE 'YOUNG-
 STERS! CLARK, IF THIS
 PLACE TURNS OUT TO
 BE DANGEROUS TO CHIL-
 DREN, ALL THE NICHOLAS
 FORTUNE WILL GO TO THE
 NEPHEWS! DO
 YOU SUPPOSE...

WELL,
 THERE'S
 NEPHEW
 JASON, BUT
 HE CERTAIN-
 LY DOESN'T
 LOOK LIKE
 A SCOUNDREL!



MAYBE, BUT IN ALL THE MYSTERY STORIES I'VE READ, THE MOST INNOCENT-LOOKING PERSON TURNS OUT TO BE THE GUILTY ONE. CLARK, YOU WAIT HERE! I'LL BE BACK SHORTLY!

TEN MINUTES LATER...

MISTER, WOULD YOU PLEASE BUY ME AN ICE CREAM CONE, WOULDJA PLEASE, HUH?

(--WHERE CAN LOIS BE SO LONG?--)
I'M SORRY, LITTLE GIRL, BUT I'M WAITING FOR ANOTHER GIRL RIGHT NOW... AND SHE'S LATE!

I'M SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING, CLARK!

LOIS!!

LOIS, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YOURSELF?

JUST A LITTLE DISGUISE, CLARK! DON'T BE SURPRISED IF I SCOOP YOU AGAIN!

MISTER, I'M SCARED TO GO BY MYSELF! WILL YOU SHOW ME THE SIGHTS?

WHY, OF COURSE, LITTLE GIRL!

ENJOYING YOURSELF?

UH-HUH, BUT I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE AN ACCIDENT LIKE THEY HAD OVER AT THE SKYRIDE!

AND I WISH SUPERMAN WAS HERE SO'S WE'D BE SURE NOT TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT! DON'T YOU, MISTER JASON?

I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT THAT ACCIDENT, LITTLE GIRL-AND IT MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA TO TELL THEM TO SUPERMAN!

(--HMM... I'D BETTER REPORT DIS TO FANCY DAN!--)

SHORTLY...

I HOID IT PLAIN AS DAY BOSS! DIS JASON GUY'S WISE TO THE SETUP!

OKAY! I'LL FIX IT SO JASON DON'T GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO SUPERMAN! THERE'S GONNA BE ANOTHER 'ACCIDENT!'

LATER ... AT THE MECHANICAL ZOO WITH ITS MAMMOTH MECHANICAL ANIMALS...

LITTLE GIRL, THERE'S A MAN NEAR THE ICE CREAM STAND WHO WANTS TO SEE YOU!

(-- MUST BE CLARK! WONDER WHAT HE WANTS?--)

BUT LOIS FINDS NO ONE WAITING-AND RETURNS TO FIND JASON GONE!

NOW WHERE COULD JASON HAVE GONE!

MAYBE HE WAS SWALLOWED BY ONE OF THOSE ANIMALS, MISS LOIS LANE!

SUPERMAN! HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS LOIS?

MY X-RAY VISION, MISS LANE... WHICH ALSO SHOWS ME JASON HAS BEEN SWALLOWED BY ONE OF THOSE ANIMALS!

AND IF I DON'T GET TO JASON, THOSE GEARS WILL!

SORRY, MISTER TIGER, BUT YOU'RE GOING ON A DIET!

AFTERWARD...

WHAT HAPPENED?

SOMEONE SLUGGED ME AND DUMPED ME INSIDE THE TIGER!

HE HAD A CLOSE CALL! I'M AFRAID SOMEBODY DOESN'T WANT JASON TO LIVE TO A RIPE OLD AGE!



TWO FIGURES SLIP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE CROWD — TED AND NED!

NED, I DON'T LIKE THIS! FIRST THOSE CHILDREN WERE ALMOST KILLED... AND NOW JASON!

FANCY DAN PROMISED US NOBODY WOULD GET HURT! LET'S CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF! I WANTED MONEY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO MURDER ANYONE FOR IT! WE'LL TELL FANCY DAN THE DEAL'S OFF!

NO SIREE! I AINT DEALIN' MYSELF OUT! YOU'RE GONNA SEE THIS THROUGH MY WAY... OR I TELL THE COPPERS!



THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO! WE MUST WARN SUPERMAN AND TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES! HOW ABOUT IT?

I'M WITH YOU!

...AND THEN FANCY DAN SAID THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO BEAT YOU. WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES THE HOUR ALL HIS MEN WILL ACT ON SIGNAL...

AT THAT INSTANT THEY'RE GOING TO CAUSE MASS "ACCIDENTS". THAT WAY, FANCY DAN FEELS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET AROUND TO STOP ALL OF THEM IN TIME!



EVEN AS THE CLOCK STRIKES, SUPERMAN'S FIGURE DISSOLVES IN A BLUR OF BLINDING SPEED AND LIKE A RUNAWAY ROCKET, FLASHES ACROSS FAIRYLAND ISLE ON ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING RESCUE MISSIONS OF HIS CAREER.

YOU'VE GOT TO... TO...

LISTEN!

THE CLOCK'S STRIKING THE HOUR!



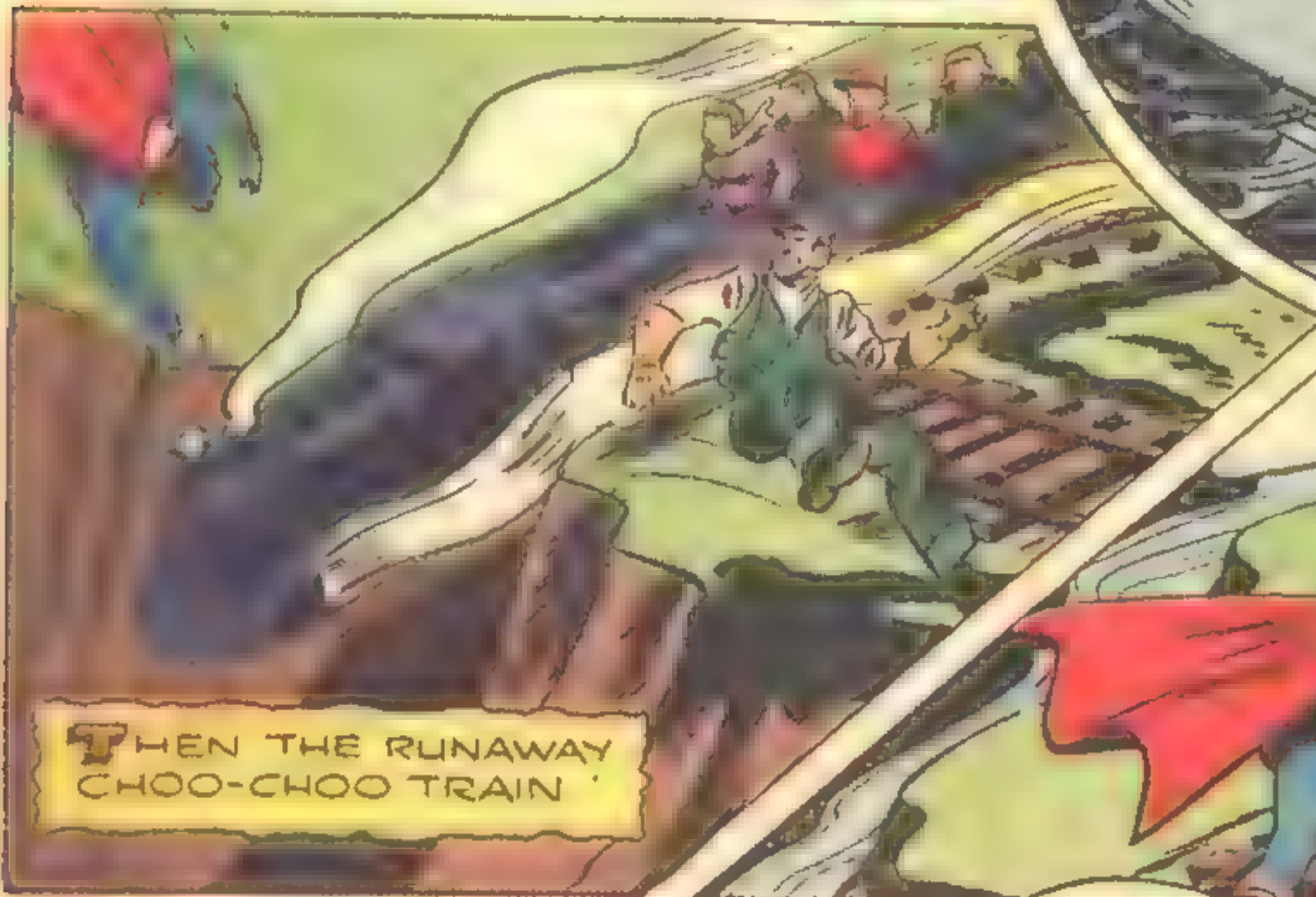
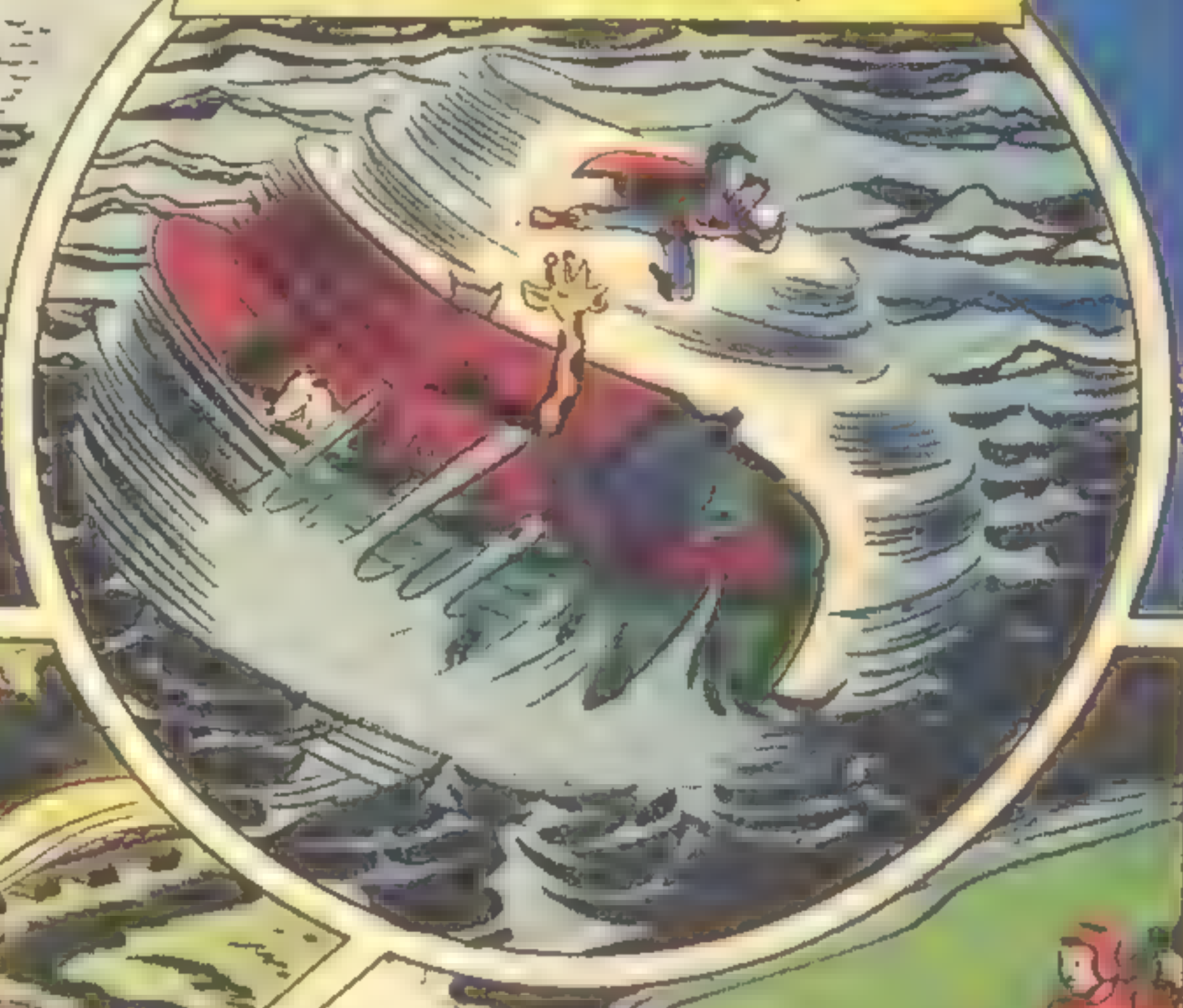


FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHOSE EYES COULD NOT FOLLOW SUPERMAN'S SUPER-FEAT, WE PRESENT A SLOW-MOTION VERSION OF HIS ASTONISHING ACHIEVEMENT



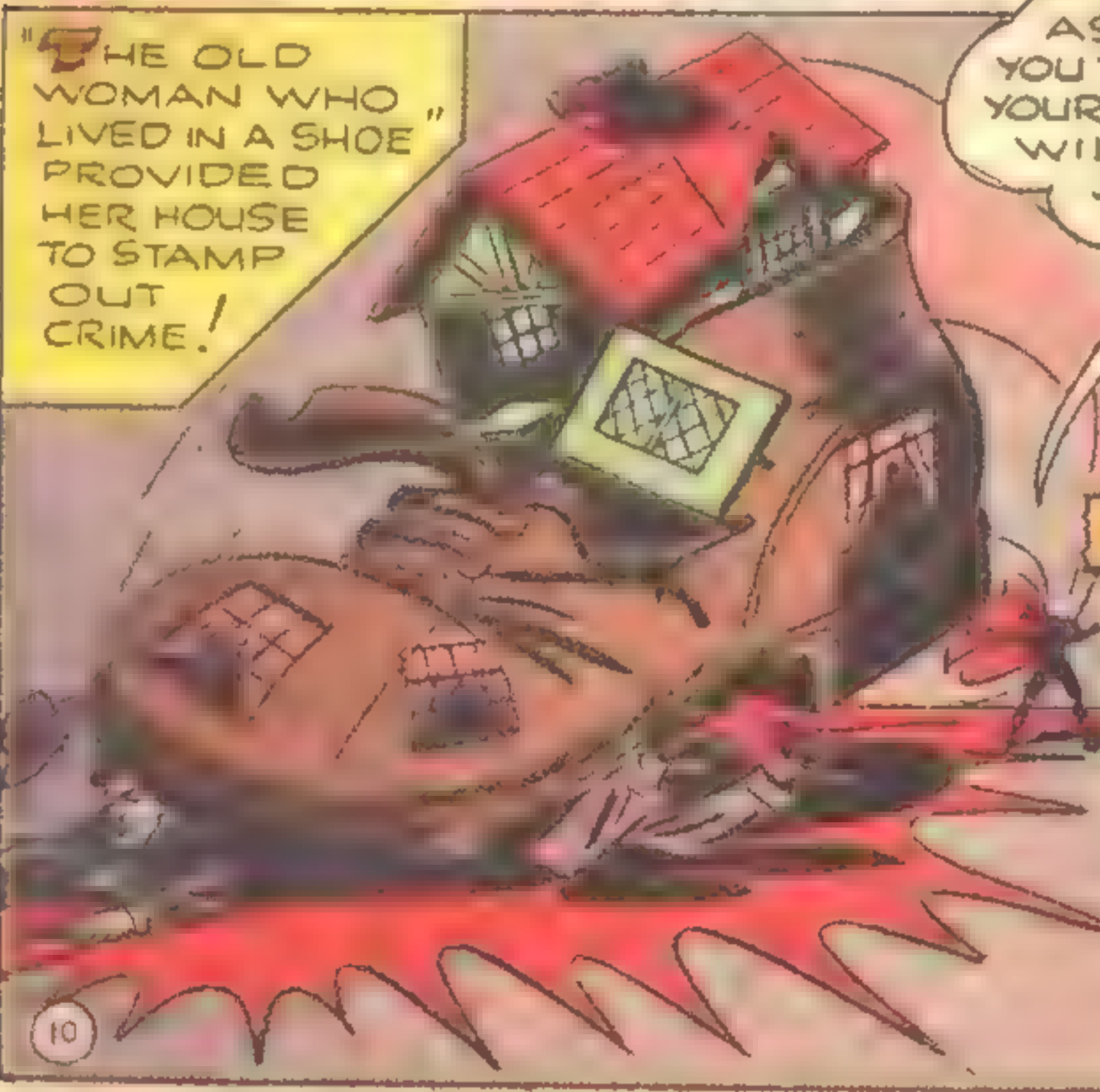
IT BEGAN WITH THE FIRE THAT BROKE OUT AT THE COMIC NOAH'S ARK...

WHIRLING AT INCREDIBLE SPEED ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE LAKE, SUPERMAN CREATED A TREMENDOUS SUCTION! WATER DRAWN UP, FOLLOWING HIS WHIRLING FIGURE, BLANKETED THE FLAMES!



THEN THE RUNAWAY CHOO-CHOO TRAIN

"THE OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A SHOE" PROVIDED HER HOUSE TO STAMP OUT CRIME!



AS FOR YOU TWO HEELS, YOUR NEXT HOUSE WILL BE THE JAIL!

IT'S OKAY, KIDS! YOU'RE IN NO DANGER.

WE'RE NOT WORRIED, SUPERMAN... NOT WITH YOU AROUND!

NEXT...



NO TIME
FOR CLOWNING,
MR. CLOWN!
BACK YOU
GO!

AS
FOR
YOU...
YOU
SABOTEUR!

OWOO!

I BELIEVE
I'LL LET MY
UNDERSTUDY
TAKE CARE
OF YOU!

AND FINALLY-FOR THE WINDUP!
SUPERMAN'S TELESCOPIC VISION PICKED
OUT THE HEADQUARTERS OF FANCY
DAN AND FOLLOWED THROUGH!

FANCY
THAT,
FANCY
DAN!

AND THAT'S
HOW IT WAS
DONE! SIMPLE,
WASN'T IT?

WELL,
WE'RE
READY
TO TAKE
OUR MED-
ICINE!

I'M GLAD YOU
TWO TURNED OUT
ALL RIGHT IN THE
END! YOUR
UNCLE IS
PROUD OF
YOU!

... AREN'T YOU,
UNCLE ???

HEH! HEH!
I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
YOUR X-RAY VISION
WOULD HAVE SEEN
THROUGH MY
DISGUISE,
SUPERMAN.

UNCLE JOHN!
ALIVE!

OF COURSE! I PRETENDED TO BE DEAD TO TEST YOU THREE AND SEE HOW YOU'D REACT TO MY "WILL!" I HAD NO DOUBT ABOUT YOU, JASON... BUT I WASN'T SURE ABOUT TED AND NED! THAT'S WHY I CALLED **SUPERMAN** HERE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS!

WELL, YOU ALL SEEM TO HAVE GOOD STUFF IN YOU! I'M GOING TO MAKE A NEW WILL AND PROVIDE FOR THE THREE OF YOU!

UNCLE, I BELIEVE I SPEAK FOR TED AND NED, TOO, WHEN I SAY WE'D RATHER YOU CARRY OUT YOUR FIRST WILL AND BUILD MORE **FAIRYLAND ISLES** FOR THE KIDS!

WHICH REMINDS ME, BECAUSE YOU WERE SO NICE TO ME, MR. JASON... AND BECAUSE CLARK KENT DITCHED ME... I'M GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO TAKE ME TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

HA! HA! LITTLE GIRL, I'M AFRAID YOU'RE A BIT TOO YOUNG FOR ME! COME BACK IN A FEW YEARS AND I MIGHT CONSIDER IT!

ARE YOU QUITE SURE YOU WON'T CONSIDER IT?

YOU! YOU'RE... YOU'RE... OOH!

HA! HA!

LATER... ONE MORE FAVOR, **SUPERMAN**! I'VE GROWN RATHER FOND OF PLAYING SANTA, SO I'D LIKE YOU TO HELP ME PLAY IT TONIGHT... CHRISTMAS EVE!

THAT WILL BE A DECIDED PLEASURE, MR. NICHOLAS... OR SHOULD I CALL YOU... **ST. NICK!**

AND SO, WITH **SUPERMAN** LENDING A HAND, NICHOLAS PLAYS SANTA AGAIN!

BY THE WAY **SUPERMAN**, I FORGOT-- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

AND TO EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE...
A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

THE END

EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH WITH TWO-DIMENSIONAL ANIMATIONS



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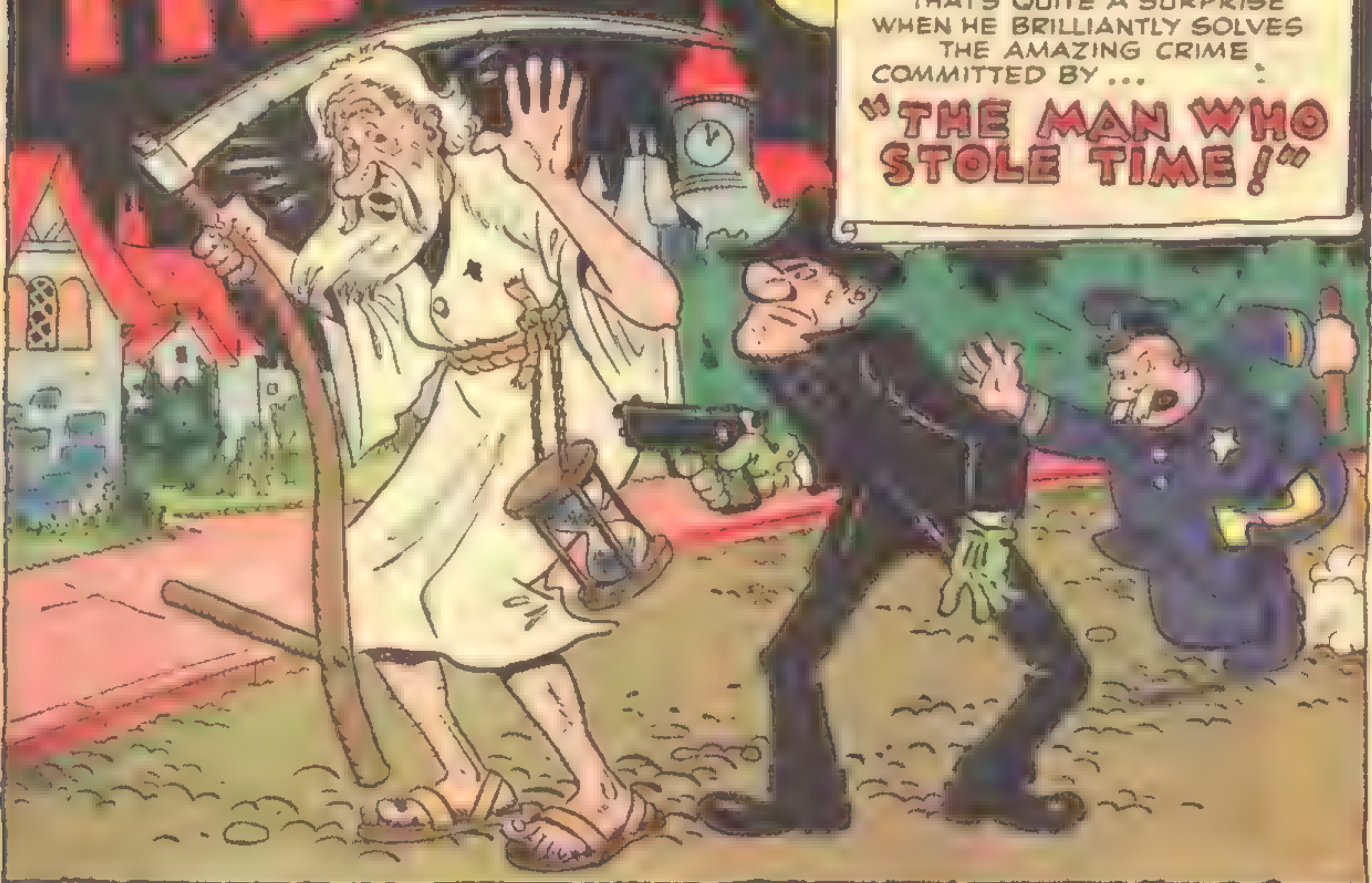
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WAYFOOT HENRY

THOUGH FOLKS IN SLEEPYSIDE
ALL SPEAK IN RHYME,
HERE AS ELSEWHERE THEY
MUST KNOW THE TIME.
HOW THIS PRECIOUS COMMODITY,
NEVER ASSESSED,
GETS CONVERTED TO CASH
CAN HARDLY BE GUESSED.
BUT HENRY THE COP,
EFFICIENT AND WISE,
UNCOVERS A PLOT
THAT'S QUITE A SURPRISE
WHEN HE BRILLIANTLY SOLVES
THE AMAZING CRIME
COMMITTED BY ...
**"THE MAN WHO
STOLE TIME!"**

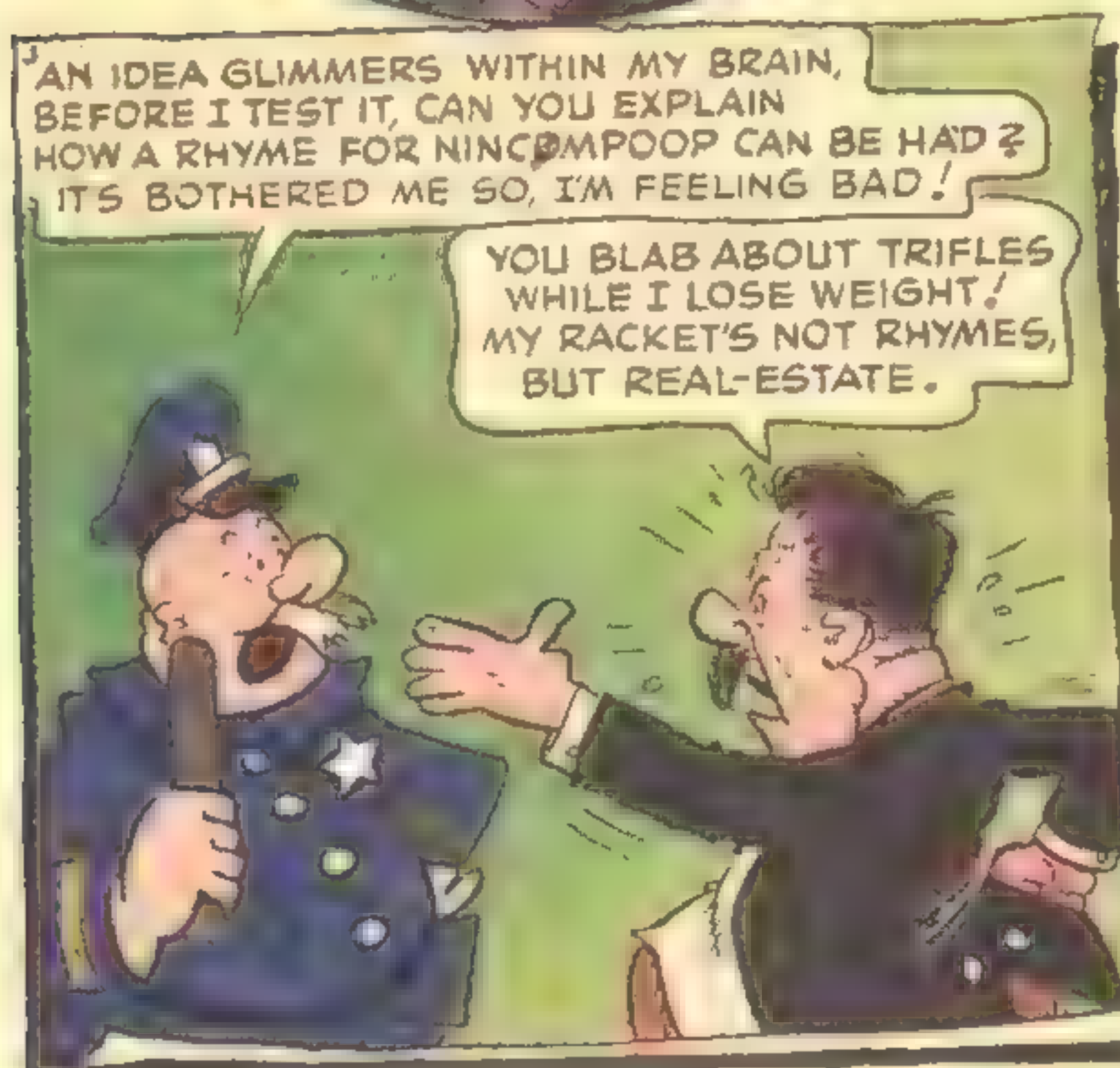
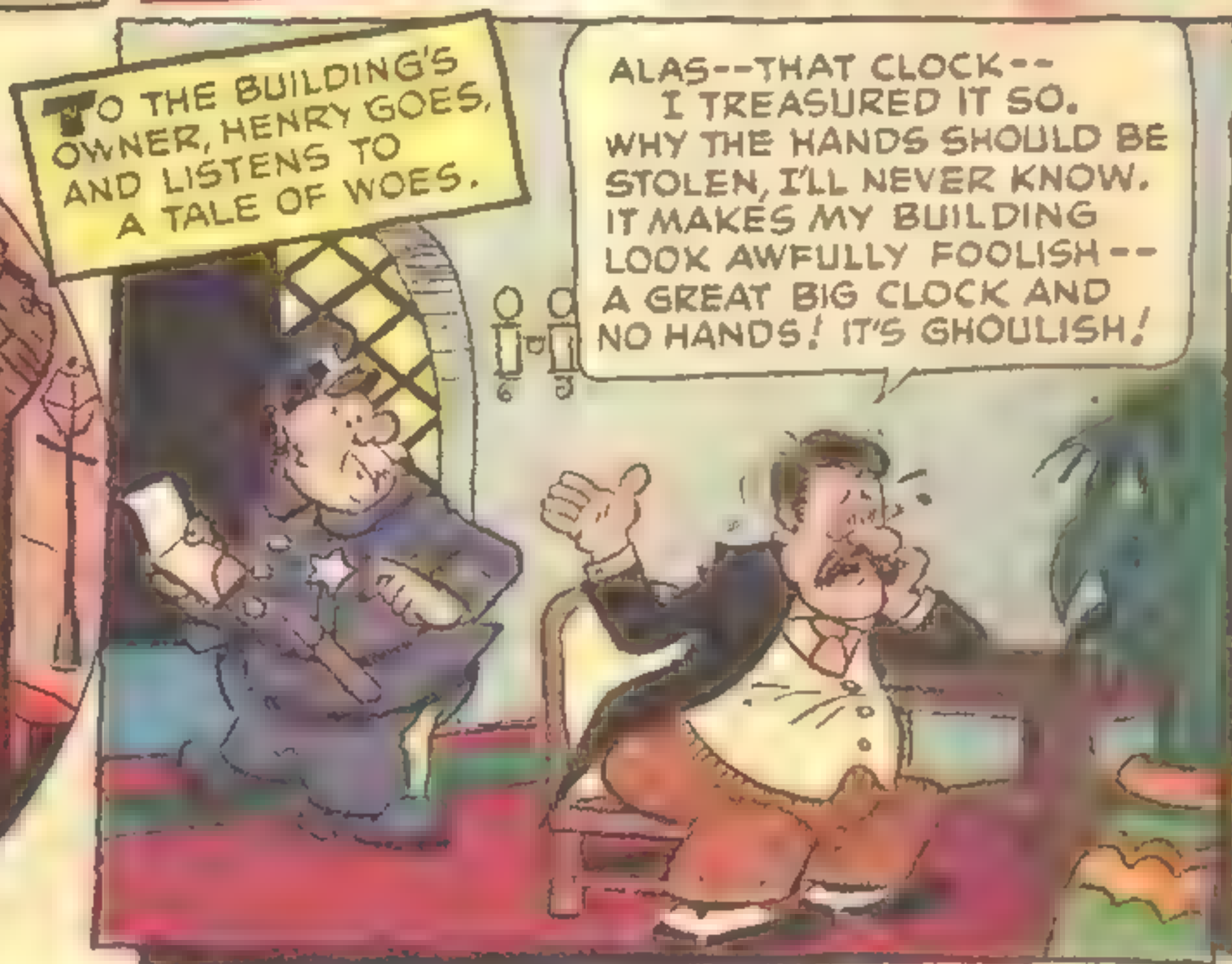
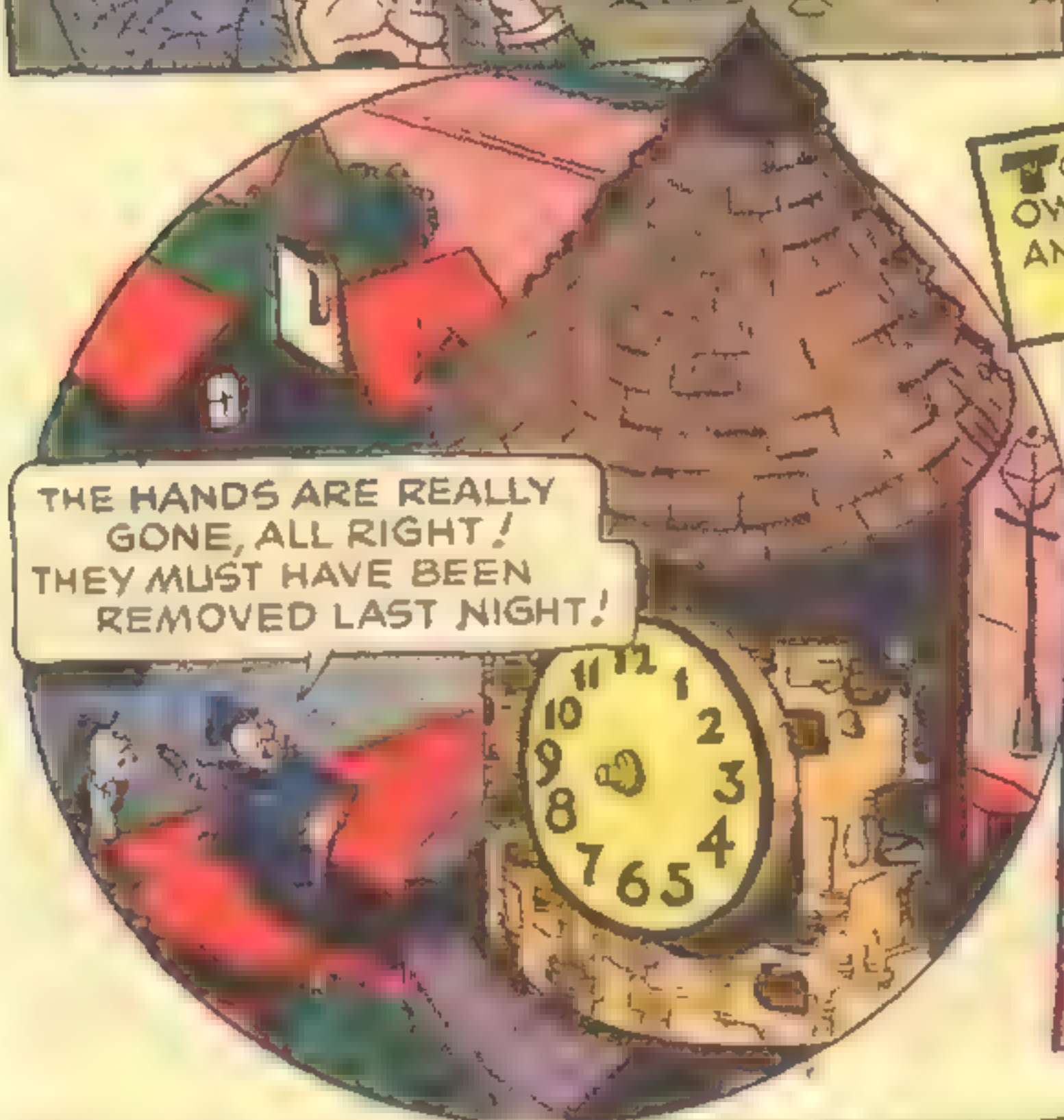
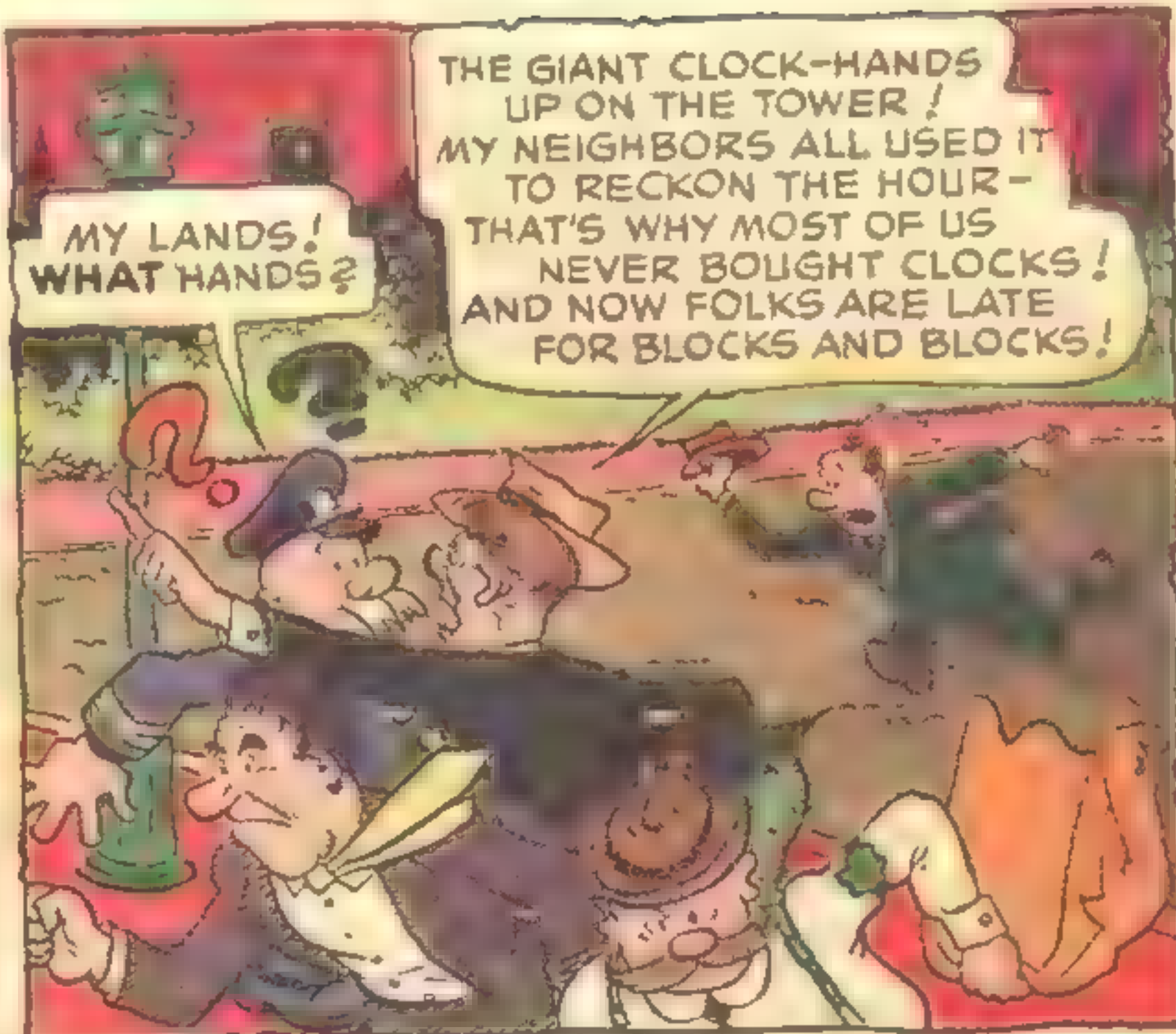


WHAT RHYMES WITH "NINCOMPOOP"? WHOM CAN I ASK?
WRITING A LEXICON IS QUITE A TASK.
MORNING ALREADY, AND I'M STILL NOWHERE.
MAYBE I NEED A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.



WHAT'S ALL THE RUSH?
IS SOMETHING AMISS?
I THINK I HAD BETTER
LOOK INTO THIS!

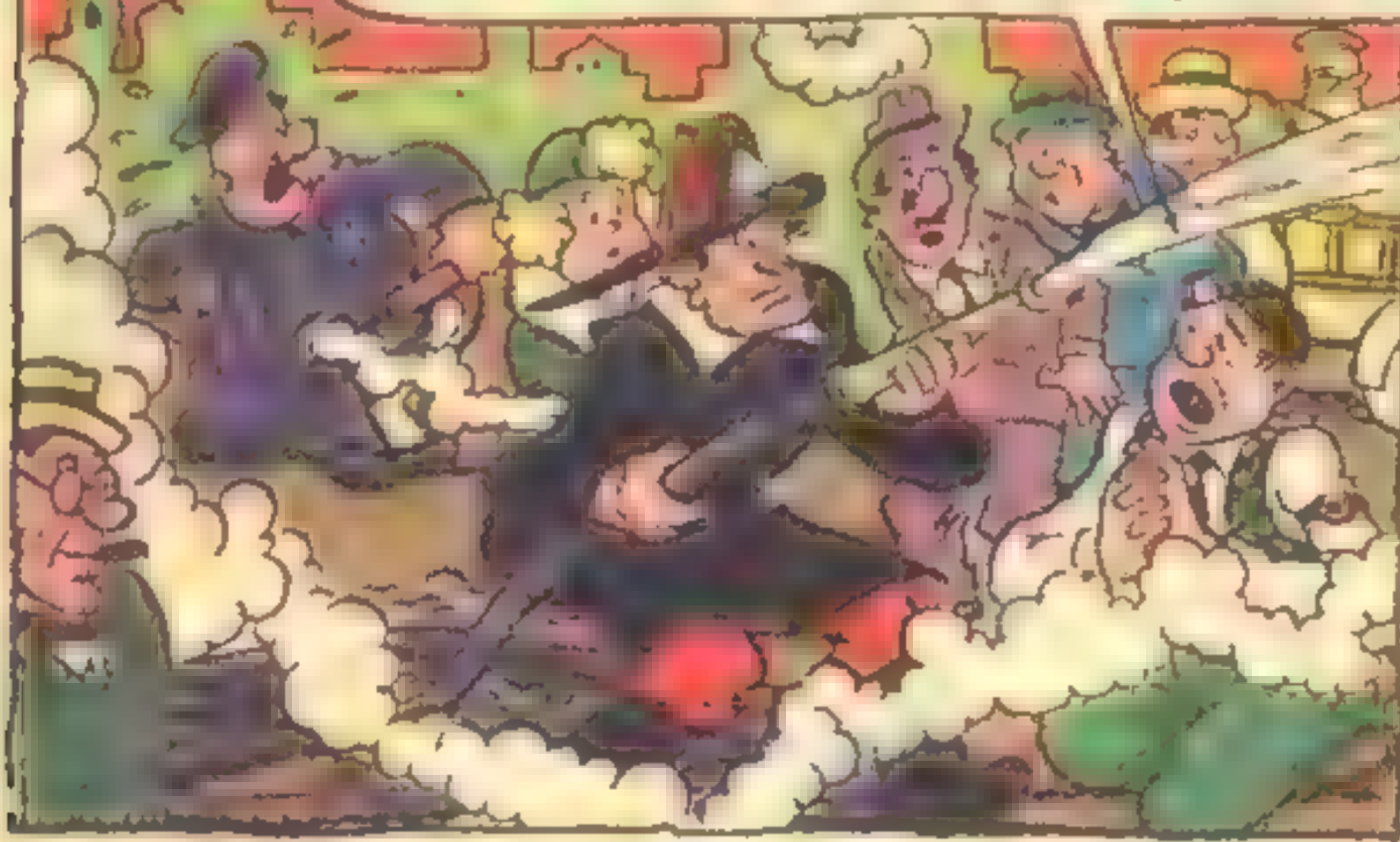




SOMEWHAT LATER, AS HENRY THE COP ARRIVES AT THE LOCAL JEWELER'S SHOP...

A FIRE! THE JEWELER'S SHOP IS BURNING DOWN! AND THE OWNER WEeping FIT TO MAKE ONE DROWN!

I BEG OF YOU ON BENDED KNEES-- FIREMAN, SAVE MY INVESTMENT, PLEASE!



REALLY QUITE A BLAZE THE BEST I'VE SEEN IN DAYS.

YES--AND ALL MY WATCHES AND CLOCKS DESTROYED IT'S NOTHING TO YOU, BUT I'M PLENTY ANNOYED. BUT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS WHAT PUZZLES ME. I THINK IT WAS STARTED DELIBERATELY.



AND I SUSPECTED HIM OF THE TOWER CLOCK JOB TO MAKE FOLKS BUY HIS CLOCKS BY THE GOB. BUT HE SEEMS SO SINCERE, I'VE BEEN WRONG, I FEAR.



THE FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF A PLOT... YOUR WATCHES DESTROYED AND THOSE CLOCK-HANDS GONE... THE EVENTS ARE CONNECTED, LIKE AS NOT-- BUT WHATEVER THE REASON, I DON'T CATCH ON.

WELL, DON'T STAND THERE BLINKING, BETTER START THINKING.



DON'T WORRY, I'LL -- 'MM--

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING BUM!



SORRY, MISTER--AND BY THE WAY-- A RHYME FOR "NINCOMPOOP" WOULD SAVE MY DAY.



DON'T ASK ME -- THOUGH I'D LIKE TO AID YOU, AND I REALLY DIDN'T MEAN TO UBRAID YOU.

CALLING YOU "BUM" WAS TERRIBLY RUDE. I SHOULD REALLY BE IN A VERY GOOD MOOD. I'M QUITE THE LUCKIEST MAN ON EARTH, CAUSE I JUST SOLD MY TAXI FOR DOUBLE ITS WORTH.

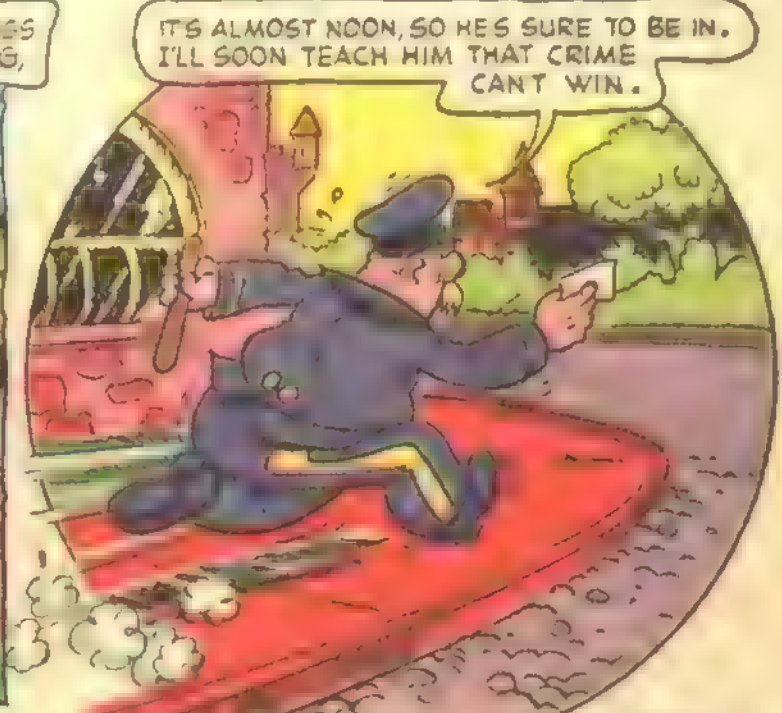
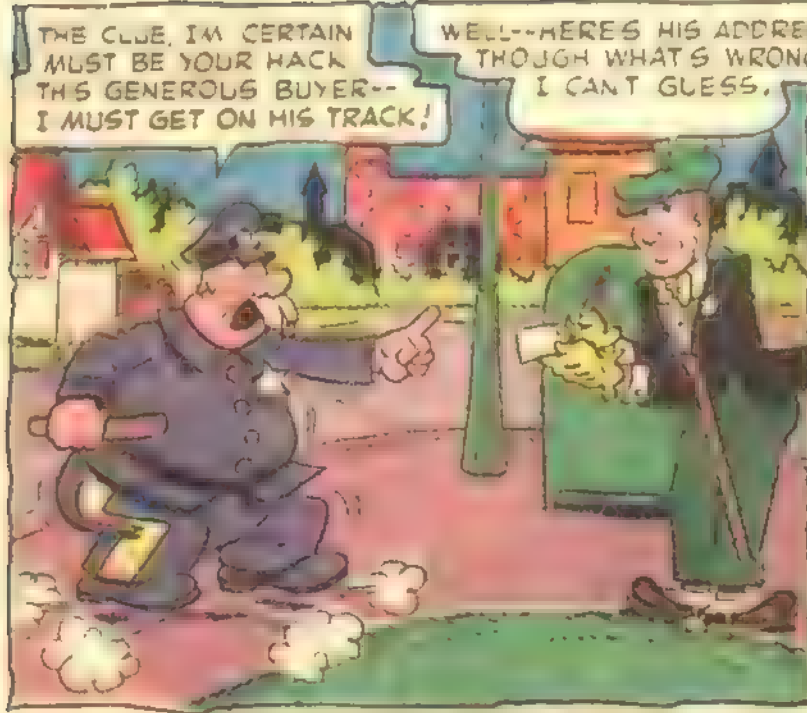
TAXI! THAT'S IT! ALL THE PIECES FIT.



THE CLUE, I'M CERTAIN
MUST BE YOUR HACK.
THIS GENEROUS BUYER--
I MUST GET ON HIS TRACK!

WELL--HERE'S HIS ADDRESS
THOUGH WHAT'S WRONG,
I CAN'T GLESS.

IT'S ALMOST NOON, SO HE'S SURE TO BE IN.
I'LL SOON TEACH HIM THAT CRIME
CAN'T WIN.



NO TIME FOR PETTY FORMALITY
WHEN DEALING WITH ILLEGALITY,
SO I'LL JUST CRASH THROUGH,
IT'S THE BEST THING TO DO.

YOUR HASTY INTRUSION TELLS
ME WHY YOU'RE HERE,
BUT YOU'RE DUE FOR A
FAST CONCLUSION AT THE
POINT OF MY SPEAR!

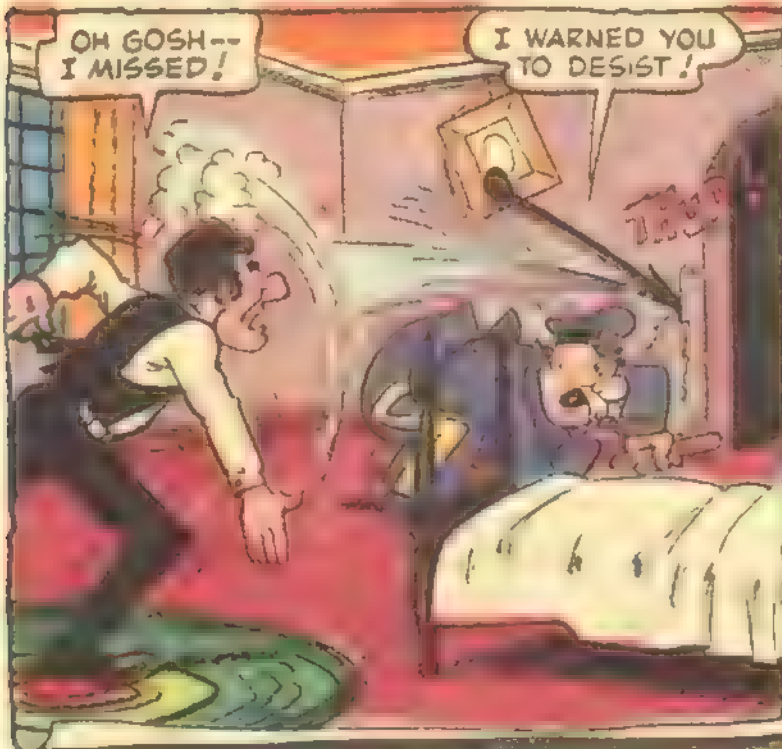
THE CLOCK-HAND!
I KNEW IT!
THROW IT AND
YOU'LL RUE IT!



OH GOSH--
I MISSED!

I WARNED YOU
TO DESIST!

ARSON, THEFT AND RESISTING ARREST
ARE VERY POOR WAYS TO FEATHER
YOUR NEST!



I'M DONE IN, ALAS! BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT ME, WHAT SHREWD DEDUCTION LED YOU TO SPOT ME?

AT FIRST I THOUGHT THE JEWELER PULLED THE CRIME, SO FOLKS WOULD NEED CLOCKS TO GET TO WORK ON TIME.

UNABLE TO TELL TIME ANY MORE BY THE TOWER AND NEW CLOCKS UNAVAILABLE BECAUSE OF YOUR FIRE, I SENSED A PLOT TO MAKE IT HARD TO TELL THE HOUR, AND I REALIZED MY MAN WAS THE TAXI BUYER.

FOLKS WOULD BE LATE WITHOUT THE RIGHT TIME, SO YOU BOUGHT THE LOCAL HACK TO PROFIT BY YOUR CRIME. SINCE THEIR JOBS WOULD BE THREATENED AND BOSSES WOULD FUSS, THEY'D RUSH TO WORK BY TAXI INSTEAD OF BY BUS!

HOW TRUE--! I PUT MY DOUGH IN THAT ILL-FATED HACK HOPING TO GET A SUBSTANTIAL PROFIT BACK, I THOUGHT CRIME WOULD LIFT ME TO A HIGHER INCOME GROUP!

YOU SHOULD KNOW, CRIME DOESN'T PAY, YOU "NINCOMPOOP"!

HUH--WHAT DID YOU SAY? WAS IT "INCOME GROUP"? WHY--THAT'S MY RHYME FOR "NINCOMPOOP"!

WOULD YOU MIND DOING A SMALL FAVOR FOR ME? LOCK YOURSELF UP AND THROW OUT THE KEY. I MUST WRITE THAT RHYME DOWN, I'VE NO TIME TO WASTE. I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE MY UNSEEMLY HASTE.

MAYBE HE'S CRAZY-- WHO CAN TELL? BUT AT LEAST I CAN PICK OUT THE VERY BEST CELL.

The End

ADVENTURES OF "R.C." AND QUICKIE

RACE WITH DEATH!

SURE IS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, QUICKIE!

BEAUTIFUL BUT HOT, R.C., LET'S STOP AT THE NEXT ROADSIDE STAND FOR SOME FROSTY ROYAL CROWN COLA

MAN ALIVE! THAT HORSE IS REALLY RUNNING, R.C.

YOU MEAN IT'S RUNNING AWAY! TURN THIS BLTZ BUGGY AROUND AND STEP ON IT! THAT G.R.L. CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER!

HELP!

DRIVE ACROSS THE DESERT, QUICKIE! WE'LL CUT 'EM OFF BEFORE THEY GET AROUND THAT BEND IN THE ROAD!

HANG ON TO YOUR BRIDGE WORK R.C.!

HELP!

QUICKIE DRIVES ACROSS THE BUMPY DESERT SO THAT THE JEEP WILL COME OUT ON THE ROAD AHEAD OF THE RUNAWAY!

KEEP THIS GAS BURNER STEADY, QUICKIE-- I'M GOING TO TRY TO CLIMB ABOARD THAT NAG!

WISH I HAD SOME ROYAL CROWN COLA TO KEEP COOL WITH

HOLD ON MISS-- HERE I' COME!

I'M SURE GLAD THIS ROAD IS SMOOTH

WHEN THE CRAZED HORSE COMES AHEAD OF THE JEEP "R.C." LEAPS ON TO HIS BACK!

THERE, THERE FELLA--STEADY

DESERT REST

THAT WAS FAST THINKING BOYS--YOU DESERVE A PROMOTION

IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, SIR I WISH YOU WOULD PROMOTE US SOME ROYAL CROWN COLA! I'M ALL ON EDGE!

ROYAL CROWN COLA SOLD HERE

I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER!

THIS ROYAL CROWN COLA WILL BRING YOU BACK, MISS--IT'S A SWELL QUICK-UP

RIGHT, QUICKIE--IT'S THE WORLD'S BEST-TASTING COLA

WESTERN STAR

JOHNNY MACK BROWN SAYS:

HE'S PLENTY RIGHT! IT DOES TASTE BEST!

"Yes, kids, Royal Crown Cola's the champ all right!" says Johnny Mack Brown. Johnny tasted leading colas without knowing which was which, and picked Royal Crown Cola as best tasting. Try it today. You get TWO FULL GLASSES in every big 5¢ bottle

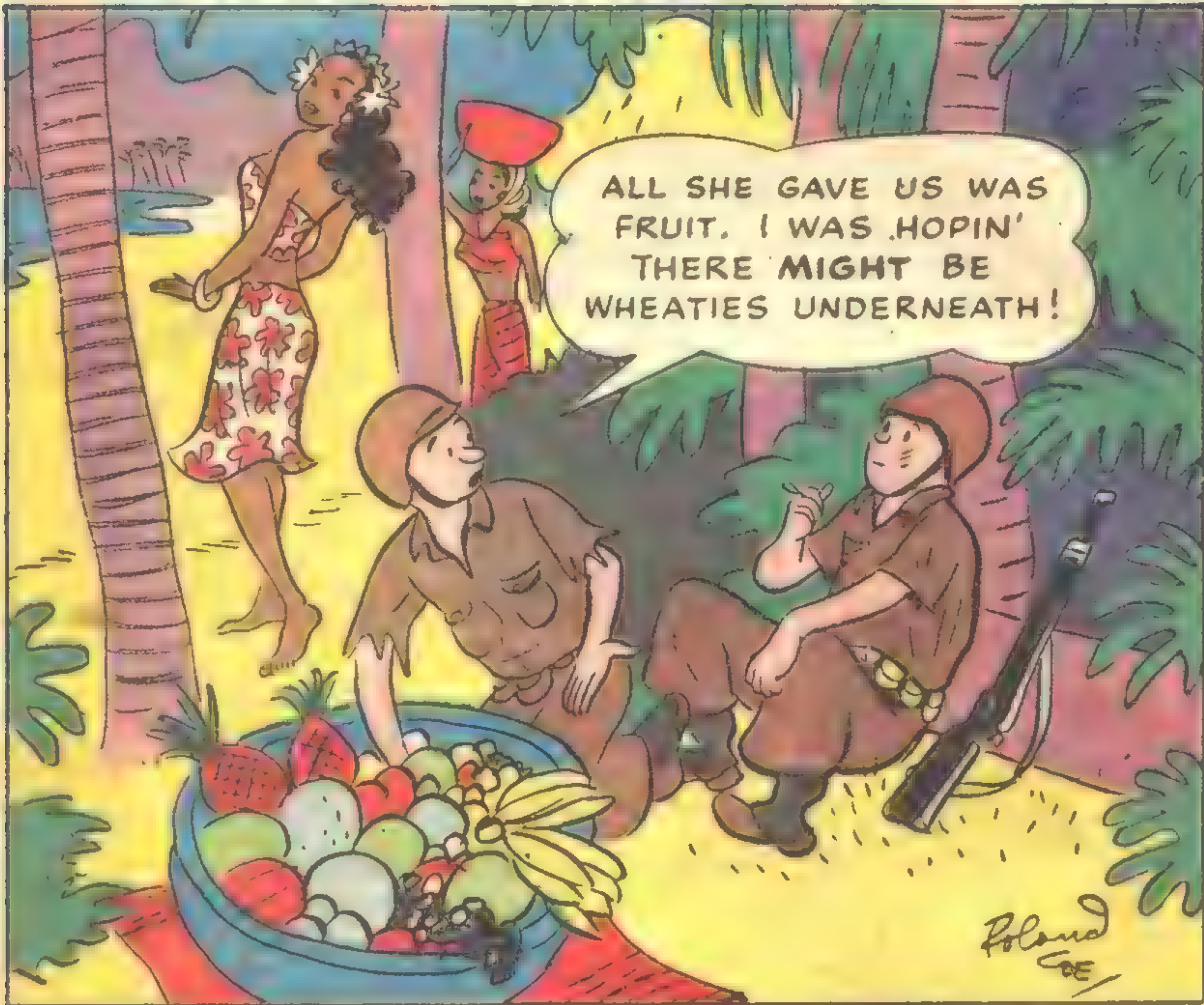
Johnny Mack Brown, star of Monogram's "WEST OF THE RIO GRANDE"

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ROYAL CROWN COLA

Best by Taste-Test!





WHAT! NO WHEATIES!

YOU JUST NATURALLY TEAM UP FRUIT AND MILK AND THOSE BIG, CRISP-TOASTED FLAKES AND YOU JUST NATURALLY GO FOR THAT CHAMPION WHOLE GRAIN NOURISHMENT....WHEN YOUR APPETITE GETS ACQUAINTED WITH WHEATIES FAMOUS "SECOND HELPING" FLAVOR GET YOUR SHARE OF GOOD NOURISHMENT AND GRAND FLAVOR AND SWELL FUN. GIVE YOURSELF LOTS OF MILK, FRUIT, AND WHEATIES, "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS"...EVERY MORNING!



LOOK FOR THAT FAMOUS ORANGE AND BLUE PACKAGE

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

WITH MILK AND FRUIT

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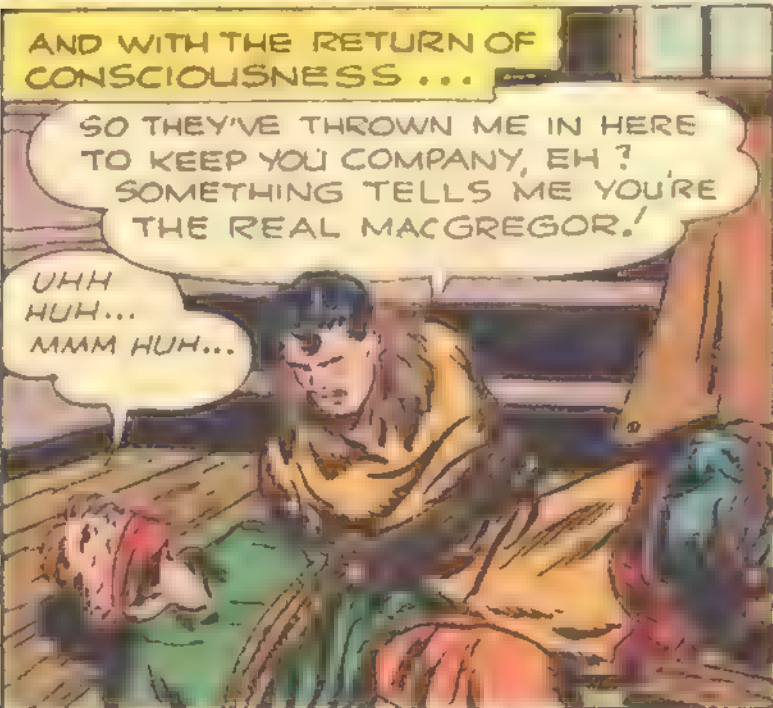
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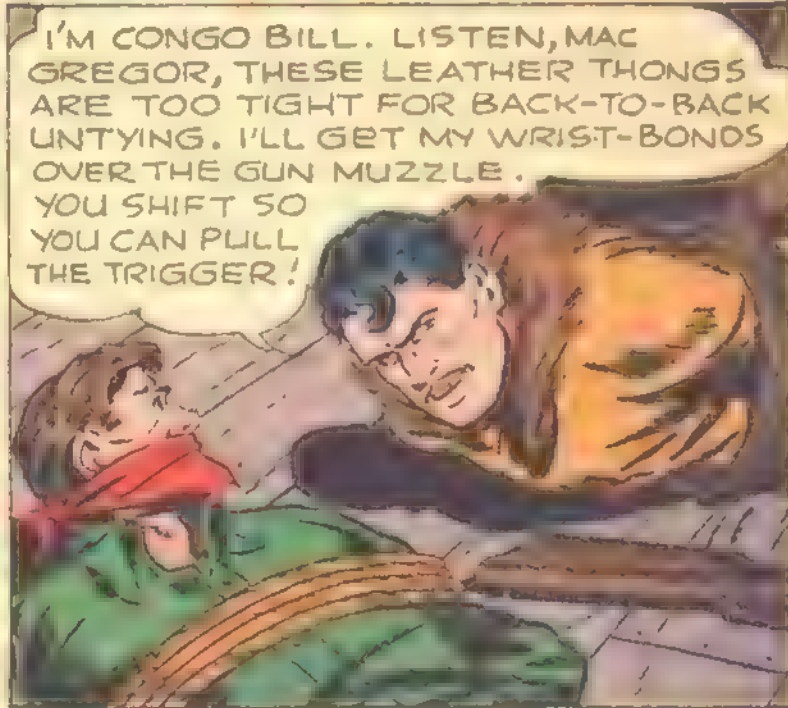
HE'S ONLY CREASED. I'LL TIE HIM UP AND LEAVE 'EM BOTH TO FEED THE WOLVES! THIS OLD GUN OF MINE WILL PROTECT YA, BOYS. HA, HA!



AND WITH THE RETURN OF CONSCIOUSNESS ...

SO THEY'VE THROWN ME IN HERE TO KEEP YOU COMPANY, EH? SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'RE THE REAL MACGREGOR!

UHH
HUH...
MMM HUH...



I'M CONGO BILL. LISTEN, MAC GREGOR, THESE LEATHER THINGS ARE TOO TIGHT FOR BACK-TO-BACK UNTYING. I'LL GET MY WRIST-BONDS OVER THE GUN MUZZLE. YOU SHIFT SO YOU CAN PULL THE TRIGGER!



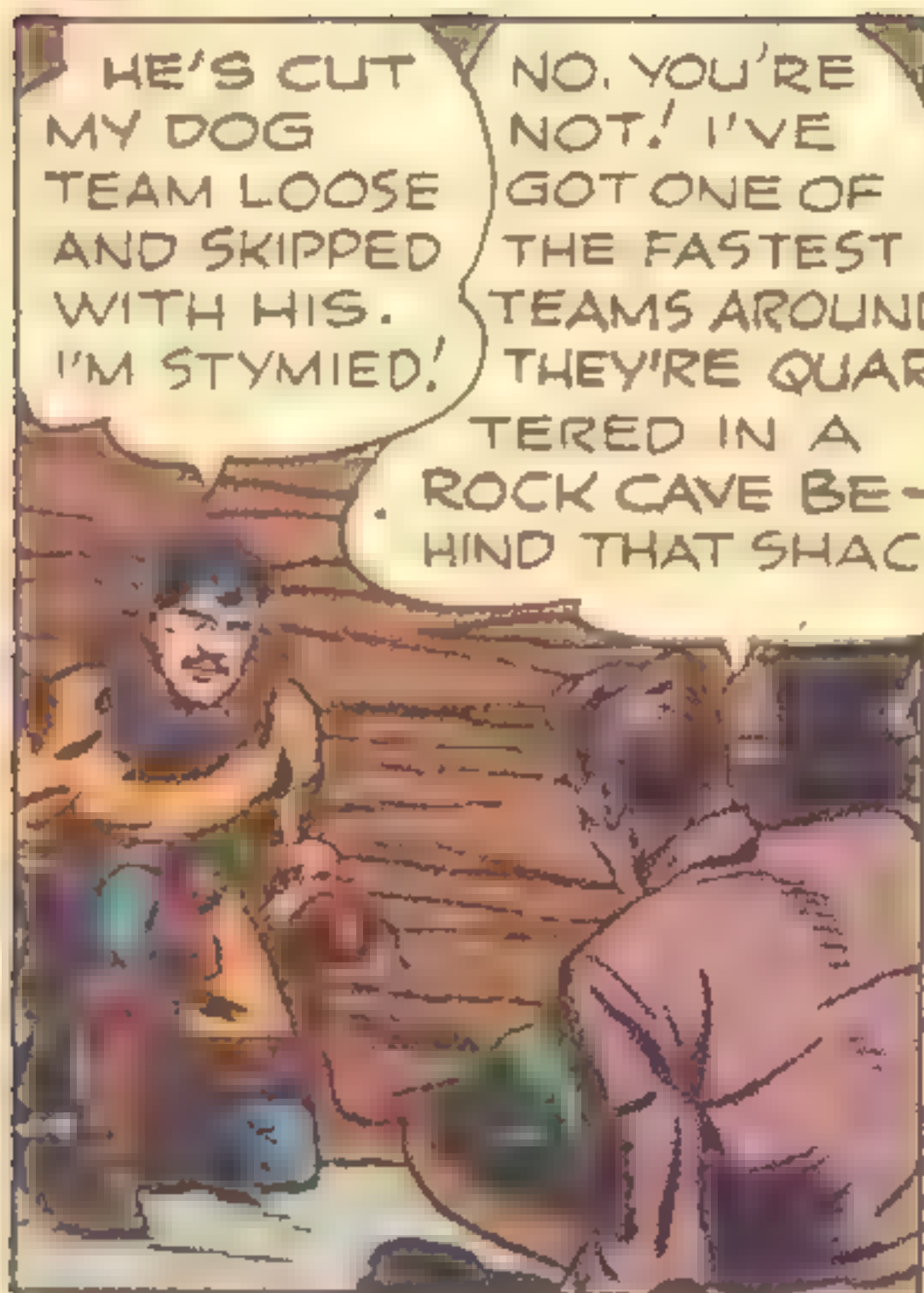
OKAY, I CAN FEEL MY THINGS ON THE MUZZLE. PLLL THE TRIGGER!



WHEW! THAT POWDER'S HOT!



THANKS, CONGO BILL! I DIDN'T JUST GOOD THING YOU I'M ON THE TRAIL OF THAT RED-BEARDED BRUTE, ONLY WHEN I LAST SAW HIM, HE DIDN'T HAVE A BEARD!



HE'S CUT MY DOG TEAM LOOSE AND SKIPPED WITH HIS. I'M STYMIED!

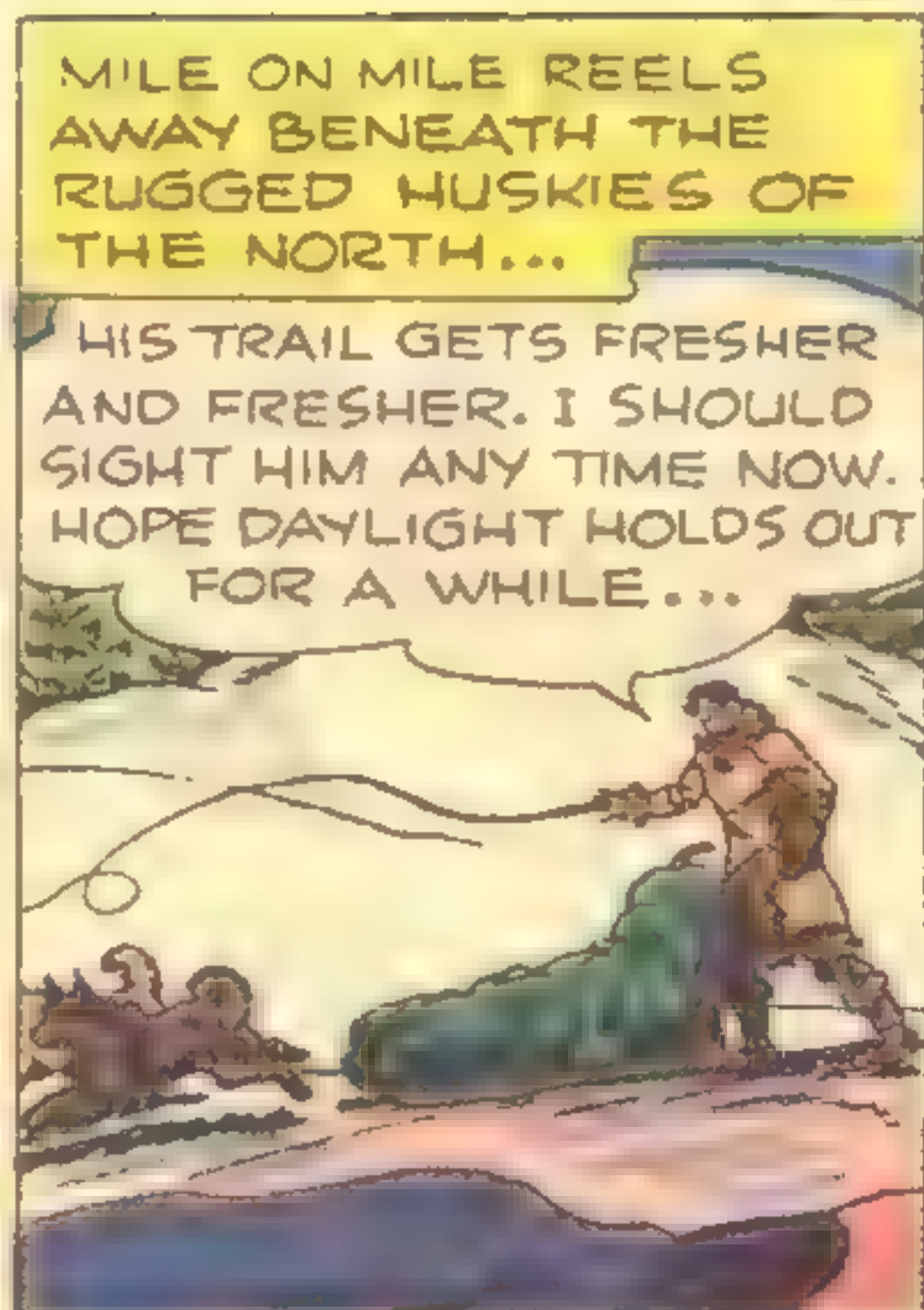
NO, YOU'RE NOT! I'VE GOT ONE OF THE FASTEST TEAMS AROUND. THEY'RE QUARTERED IN A ROCK CAVE BEHIND THAT SHACK!



SOON...

THIS IS ONE BET BIG DUTCH OVERLOOKED!

THAT HE DID, CONGO BILL. GOOD LUCK TO YOU!



MILE ON MILE REELS AWAY BENEATH THE RUGGED HUSKIES OF THE NORTH...

HIS TRAIL GETS FRESHER AND FRESHER. I SHOULD SIGHT HIM ANY TIME NOW. HOPE DAYLIGHT HOLDS OUT FOR A WHILE...

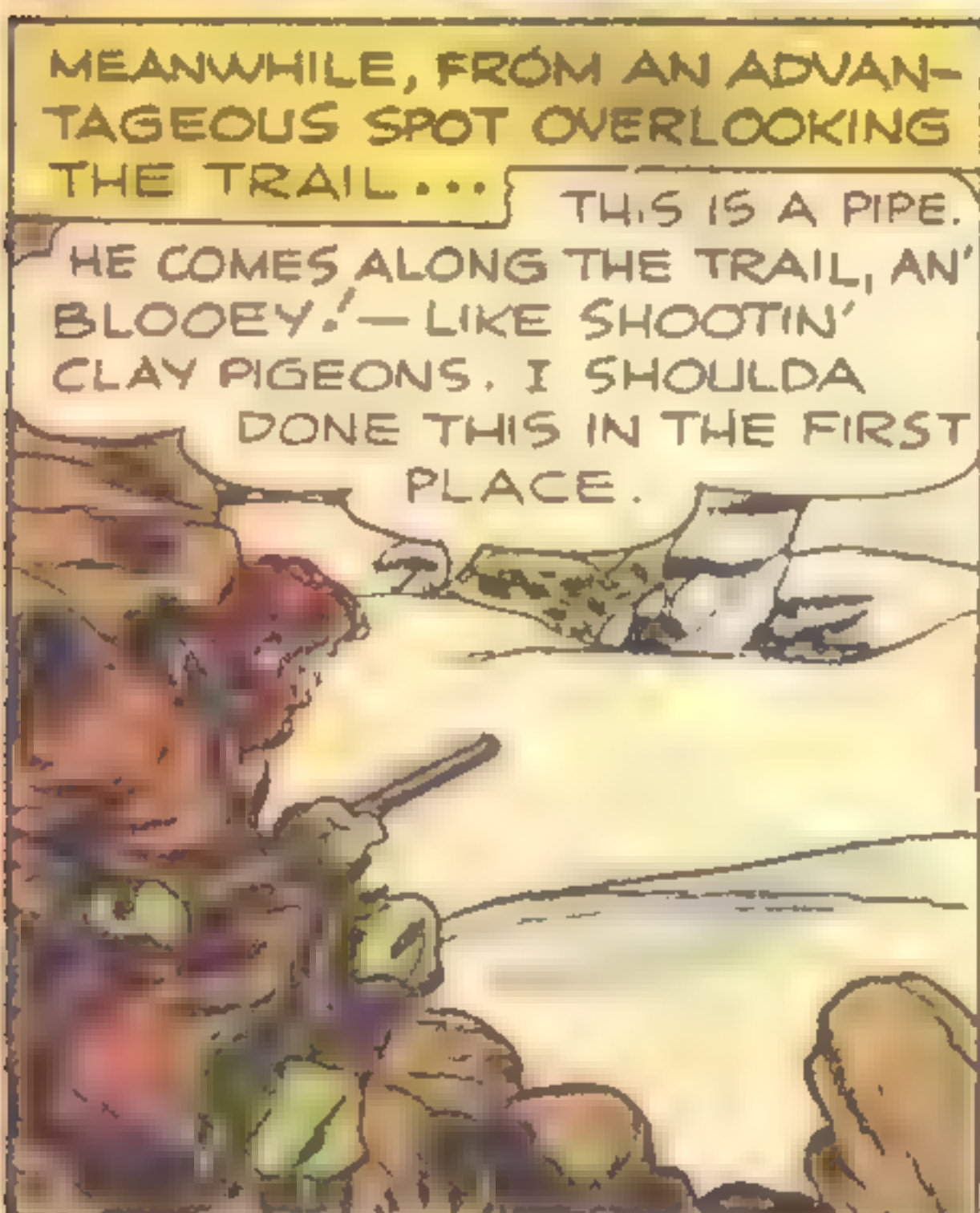


AND A MILE OR SO FARTHER ON...

THERE HE IS—JUST GOING OVER THAT HILL. BUT I THINK HE SEES ME, TOO!



I'LL JUST STOP HERE A BIT AND WORK THIS OUT—IF HE **DID** SEE ME... HMMM...



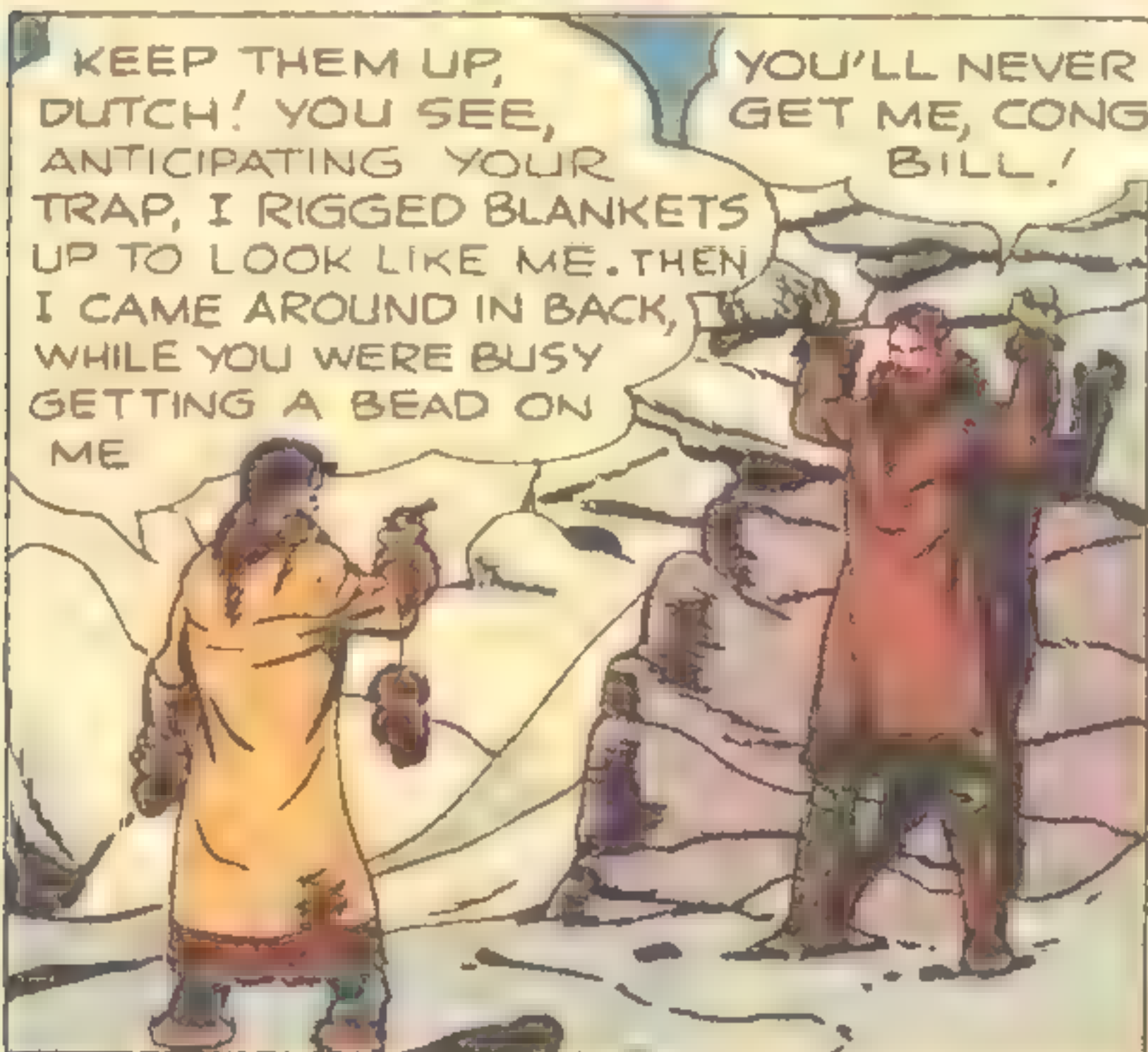
MEANWHILE, FROM AN ADVANTAGEOUS SPOT OVERLOOKING THE TRAIL...

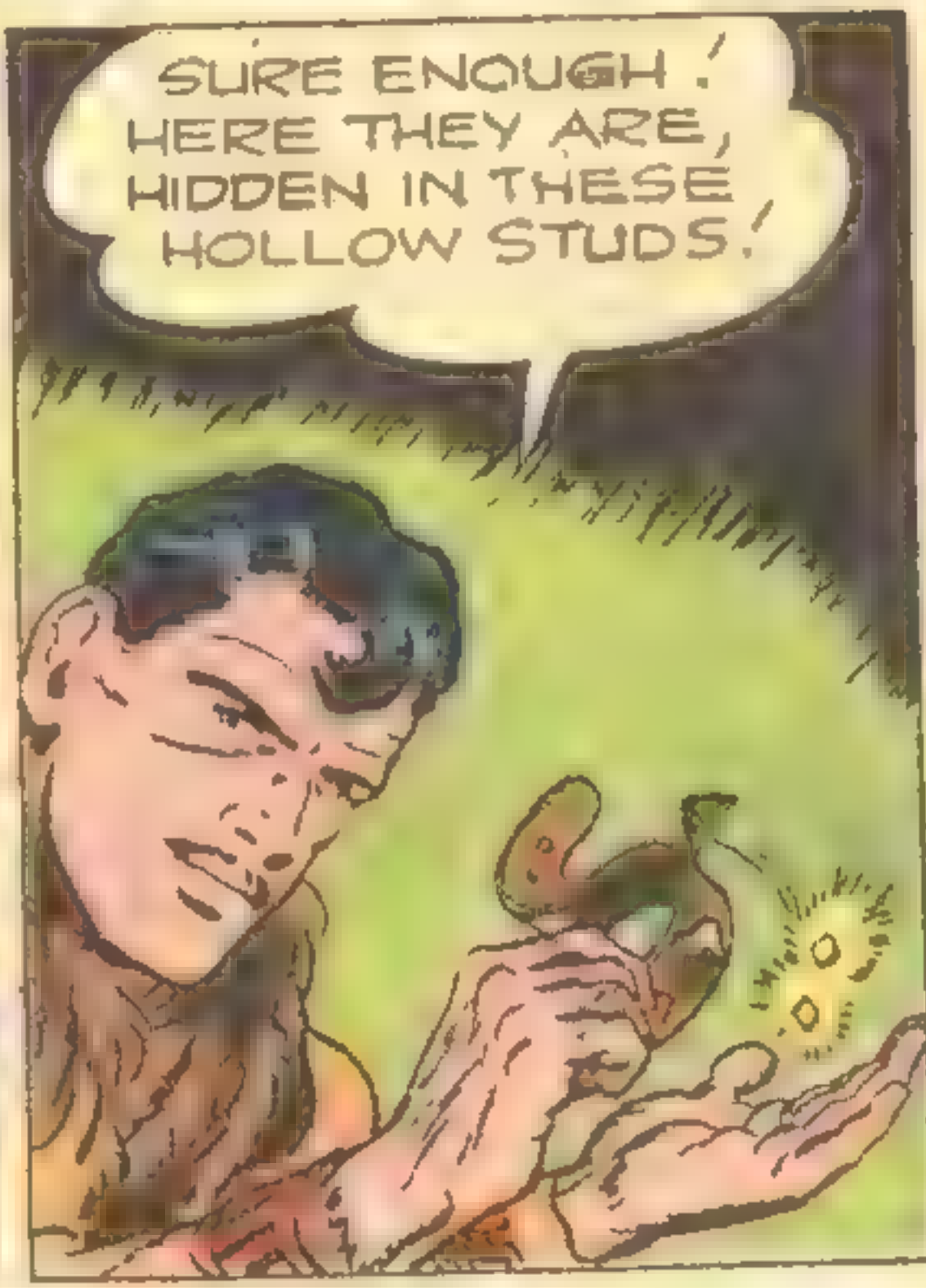
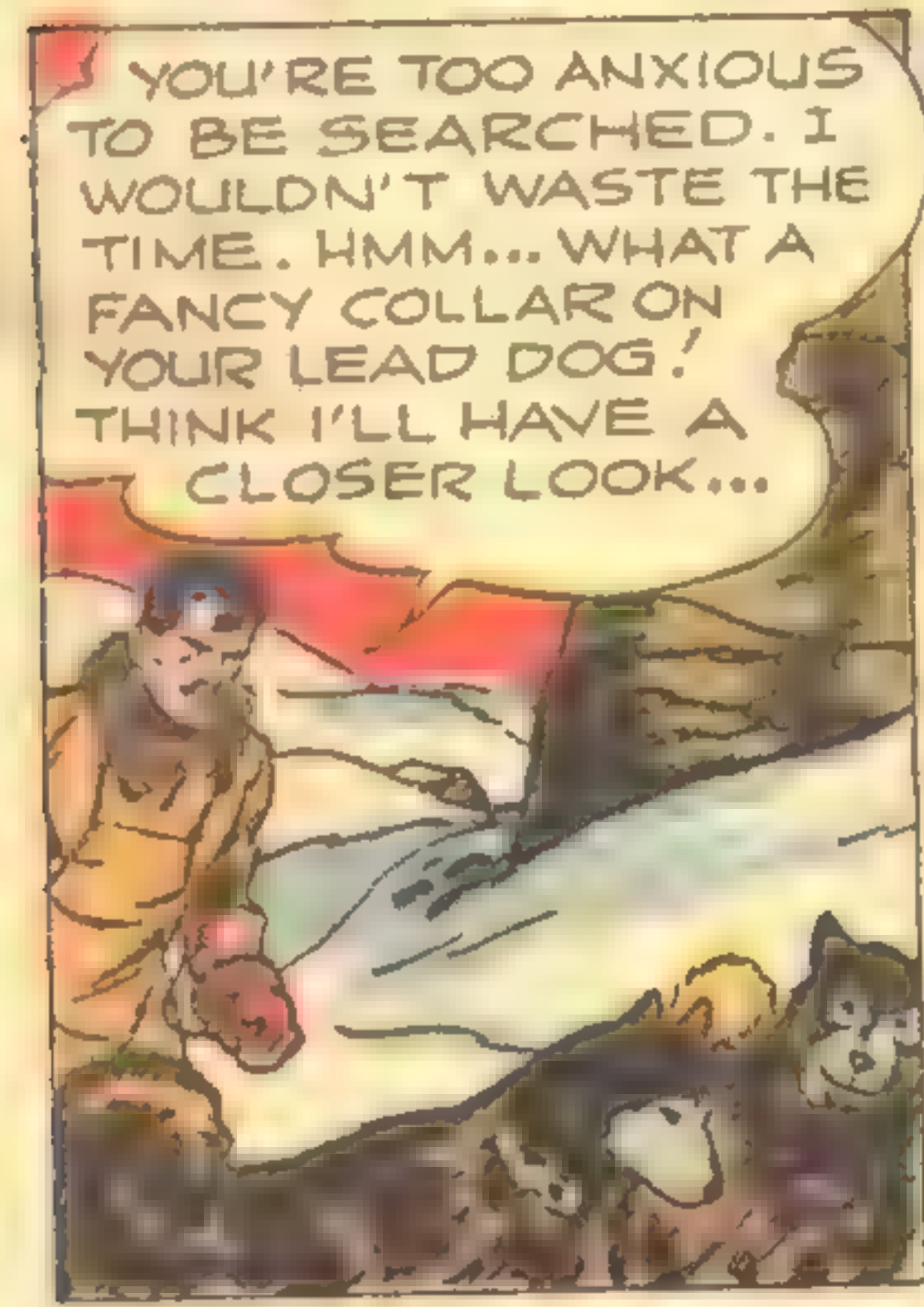
THIS IS A PIPE. HE COMES ALONG THE TRAIL, AN' BLOOEY!—LIKE SHOOTIN' CLAY PIGEONS. I SHOULDA DONE THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE.



AND SOON, DOWN THE FROZEN TRAIL...

HERE HE COMES. THIS TIME HE GETS IT FOR SURE.





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TICKET TO DEATH

By David Shields

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE the 1960s, when the country was rocked by the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and the Vietnam War, Americans have been able to watch the president and his family in a relaxed, intimate setting. On Oct. 1, the Obamas will appear on the cover of *Time* magazine, and on Oct. 2, the family will be featured in a special issue of *Rolling Stone*.

The Obamas will also be the subject of a new book, *Barack and Michelle Obama: The First Couple*, by David Shields and Anthony McCartin. The book, which is published by Simon & Schuster, is a biography of the couple, and it is the first book to be published about the Obamas. The book is a collaboration between Shields and McCartin, who are both authors and producers. The book is a biography of the couple, and it is the first book to be published about the Obamas.

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VIGILANTE

STUFF, PAL OF THE VIGILANTE, ROLLS UP HIS SLEEVES AND ENTERTAINS THE WESTERN WADDY WITH VARIOUS NEWLY LEARNED FEATS OF PRESTIDIGITATION! AND SO, WHEN THE PRAIRIE WARRIOR FINDS IT NECESSARY TO APPLY HIS OWN WIZARDRY TO AN EXCEPTIONALLY BAFFLING FELONY, HE NEEDS NO HOCUS-FOCUS TO CAST A SPELL OF OBLIVION UPON CRIMINALS ALREADY ENTRANCED BY...

"The CHINATOWN KID, MAGICIAN!"

ABRACADABRA!



MORT MORTON JR

A ONE-MAN AMATEUR SHOW BEFORE A ONE-MAN AUDIENCE...



NOTICE THIS HAT! A BIT DE-LAPIDATED, BUT NOT TRICKY! NO SECRET OPENINGS, NO TUNNELS... JUST A PLAIN ORDINARY HAT!

I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT HAT, STUFF... IT'S MINE!

IT MAY BE YOURS, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ALL ABOUT IT! I SPOUT THE MAGIC WORD, AB-RACADABRA, AND — WATCH CAREFULLY NOW!

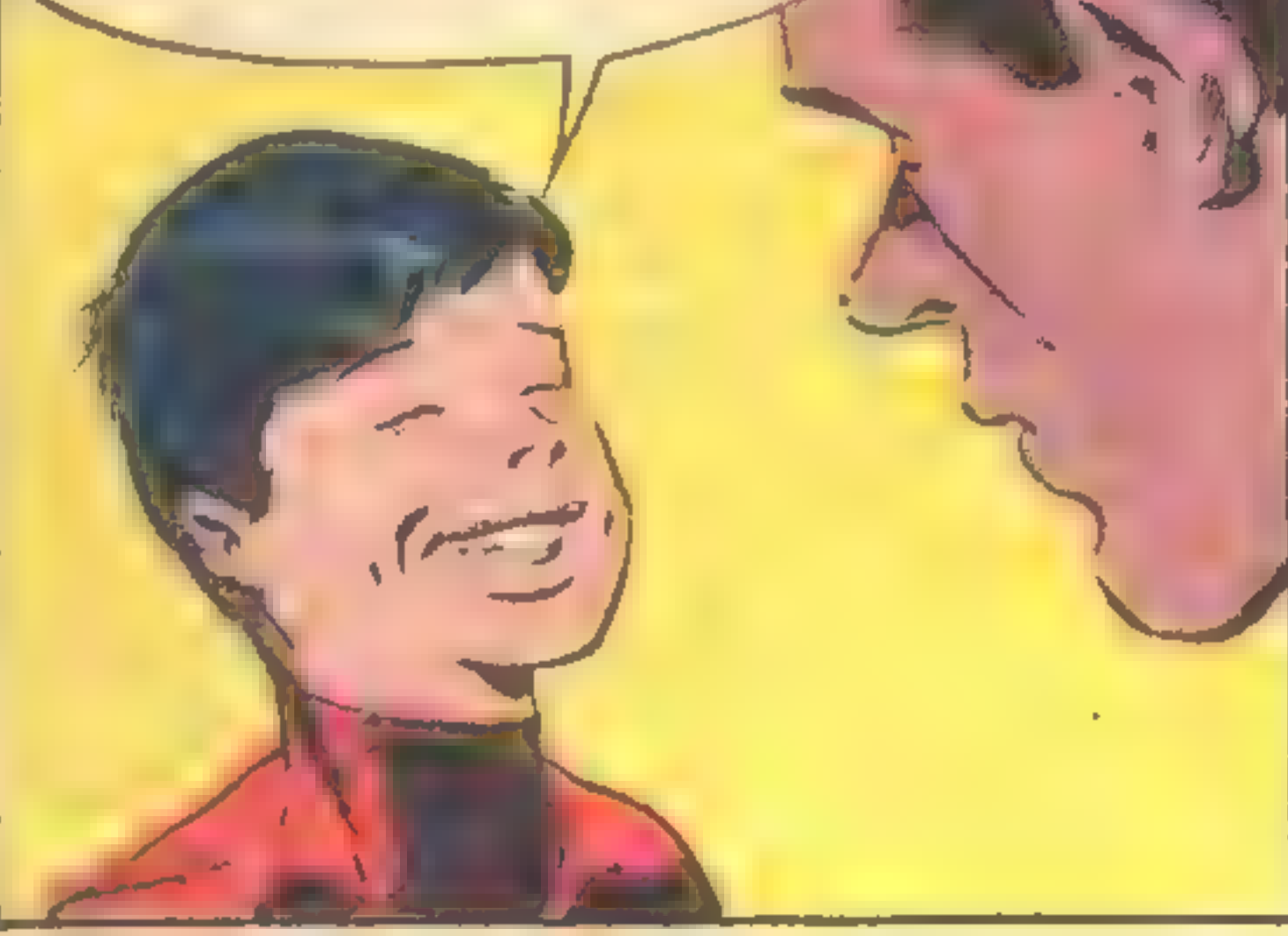


HOCUS-FOCUS, ENTRO RABBITO!

KIYOODLIN' COYOTES, HOW'D YOU DO THAT?



A REAL MAGICIAN NEVER REVEALS HIS SECRETS, GREG...



UH-OH!

HA, HA! I RECKON THOSE RABBITS NEED A LITTLE MORE PRACTICE... AND SO DO YOU



MORE PRACTICE IT IS...



HMM, THIS LOOKS LIKE A REAL GOOD ONE! NOW TO MAKE THE GADGET IT TELLS ABOUT, AND TRY IT ON GREG!

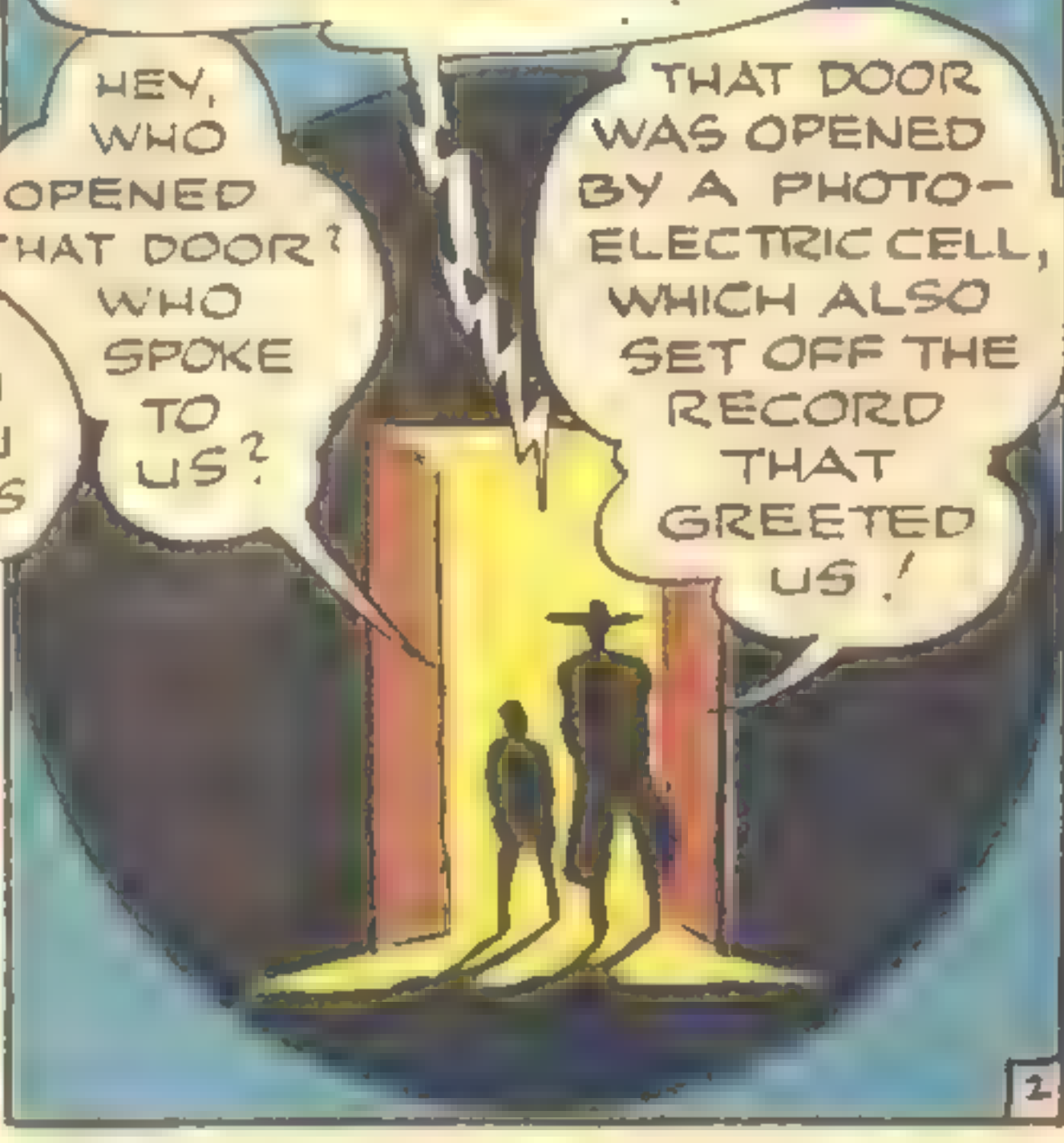
AND PRESENTLY...

THE ACE OF SPADES! THAT'S THE CARD YOU THOUGHT OF, GREG!

YOU'RE GETTING PLENTY GOOD, STUFF! BUT COME ALONG WITH ME, AND I'LL SHOW YOU SOME MAGIC THAT PUTS YOURS TO SHAME!



GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN!



HEY, WHO OPENED THAT DOOR? WHO SPOKE TO US?

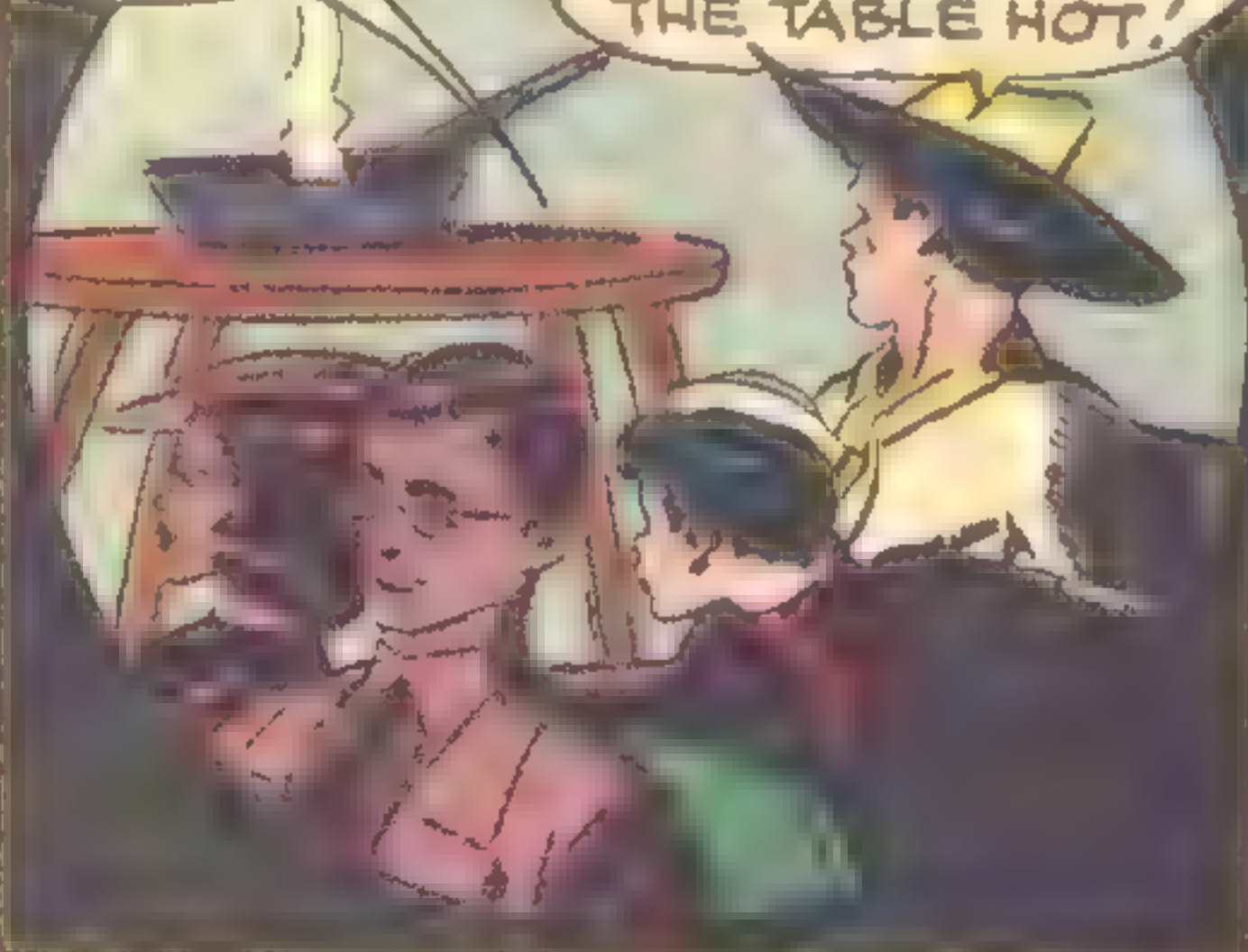
THAT DOOR WAS OPENED BY A PHOTO-ELECTRIC CELL, WHICH ALSO SET OFF THE RECORD THAT GREETED US!

THIS IS AN EXHIBITION HALL
TO SHOW HOW PEOPLE WILL LIVE
IN THE FUTURE! INSTEAD OF TIRING
THEMSELVES OUT WALKING AROUND
FROM ONE EXHIBITION TO ANOTHER,
THEY'LL RIDE!



AND WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT'S HEATIN' UP
THAT FRYIN' PAN? I
DON'T SEE ANY
FIRE!

NO FIRE NEEDED!
DIATHERMIC RADIATIONS
HEAT UP THE STUFF
THAT'S FRYIN', WITH-
OUT EVEN GETTIN'
THE TABLE HOT!



BUT FOR
SOME REAL MAGIC,
TAKE A LOOK
AT THIS!



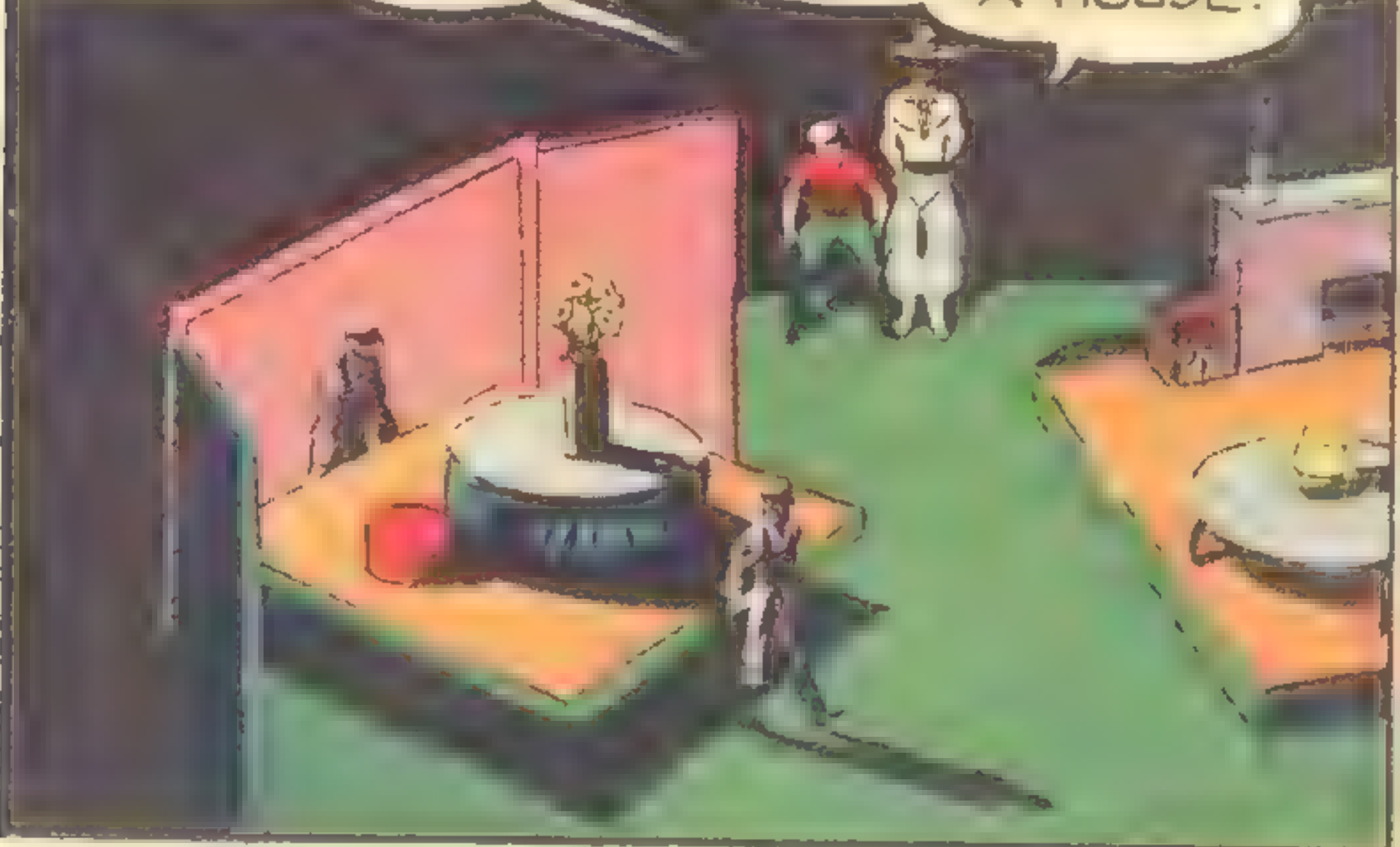
THEY'RE
CARRYIN' A
WHOLE ROOM
OUT!

YES, THAT'S A ROOM FROM
THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE!
BEIN' SPECIAL PLASTIC, IT'S
STRONG, AND LIGHT ENOUGH
TO CARRY!



WOW, HOW MANY
ROOMS ARE THEY
GONNA TAKE OUT?

OH, HALF A DOZEN OR
SO! HITCH 'EM TOGETHER,
PARDNER, AND YOU GOT
A HOUSE!



BUT
HOW'D THEY
ALL FIT IN THAT
LITTLE PLACE,
TOGETHER
WITH ALL
THAT
FURNITURE?

THEY'RE ALL
COLLAPSIBLE.
FOLDED UP
FLAT INSIDE
THAT CUBE,
THEY DON'T
TAKE UP
MUCH ROOM!



BUT NOW, THE MUSEUM RECEIVES SOME QUESTIONABLE VISITORS...

FOLLOW ME, MEN, I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT TO DO!

DON'T MINGO LOOK SPORTY WID HIS FANCY CLOTHES, AN' FAKE MUSTACHE?

QUIET, SAP!



FOLD UP ALL THESE THINGS AND REMOVE THEM TO THE VAN!

WHA..? BUT, MR. FORRESTER, WITHOUT THESE ARTICLES OUR EXHIBITION WILL LOSE ITS GREATEST ATTRACTION!



NEVER MIND, MY GOOD FELLOW. WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING MUCH MORE INTERESTING!

HE DON'T KNOW DAT DA REAL FORRESTER IS HOLDIN' A COMMITTEE MEETIN'!



UNEXPECTEDLY...

I'VE JUST MANAGED TO GET HERE FOR A MOMENT... WHA..? WHO IS THIS MAN MADE UP TO LOOK LIKE ME?

CURSES, JUST TODAY HE HAS TO LEAVE HIS MEETING EARLY!



OUT OF MY WAY, FOOL! STEP ON IT, BOYS!



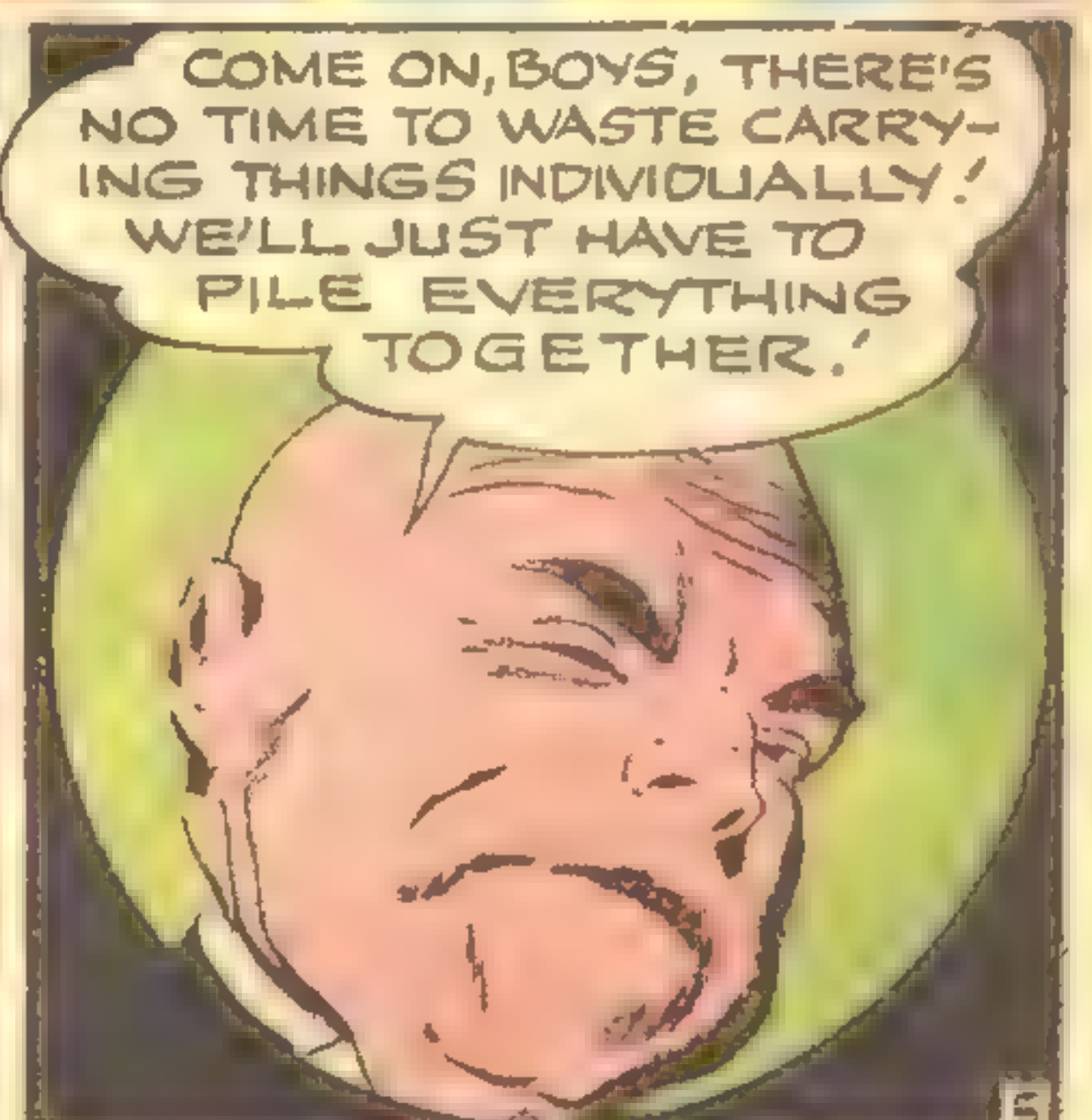
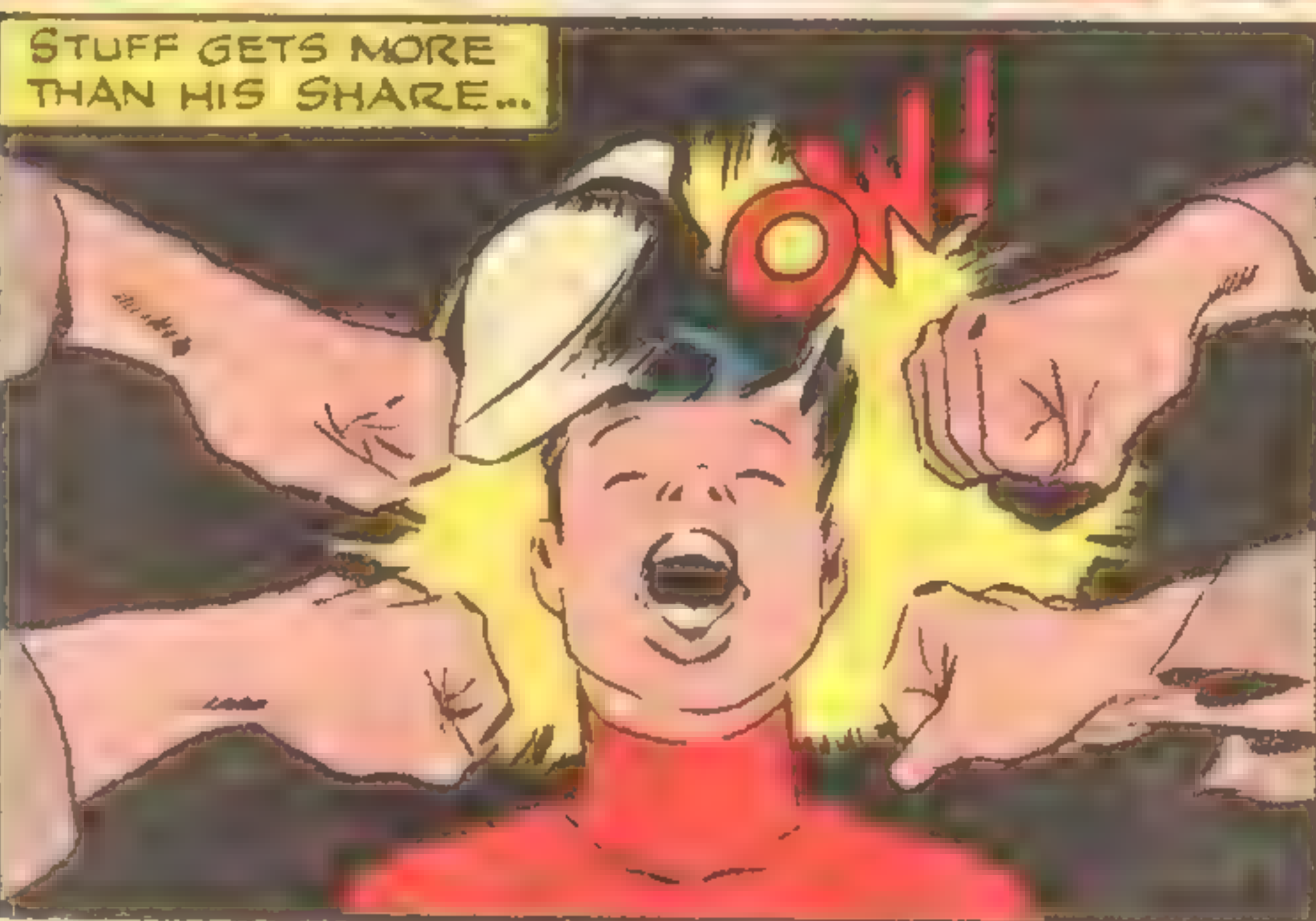
SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE, STUFF! TIME FOR THE VIGILANTE TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE FROM SOME DESERTED ROOM!



SECONDS LATER...

HEY, DA VIGILANTE!





LATER, AS A SPEEDY TRUCK ARRIVES AT A RURAL DESTINATION...

OKAY, BOYS, JUST CARRY THE STUFF OUT, AND AFTER WE SET IT UP, I'M LEAVING TO BRING THE 'BIG SHOT' HIMSELF...

HEY, MINGO, LOOK WHO'S INSIDE DA TRUCK!

THE VIGILANTE AND HIS KID PAL! -- FOLDED UP LIKE THE REST OF THE STUFF! WE MUSTA CARRIED 'EM IN WITHOUT KNOWIN' IT! BUT THEY'RE WELCOME!

I HAVEN'T TIME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU NOW, VIGILANTE, BUT I'LL THINK UP SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOU LATER! TAKE CARE OF HIM, ARCHIE.

I'LL TIE HIM UP WID HIS OWN ROPE, BOSS!

AFTER THE HOUSE IS SET UP AND THE CRIMINALS DEPART...

DON'T YOU TRY TO PULL NO FAST ONES, KID, OR I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT, TOO!

JUST STANDIN' HERE IS KIND OF MONOTONOUS, ARCHIE. MIND IF I AMUSE MYSELF?

I'D RATHER PRACTICE MAGIC THAN SIT HERE DOIN' NOTHIN'!

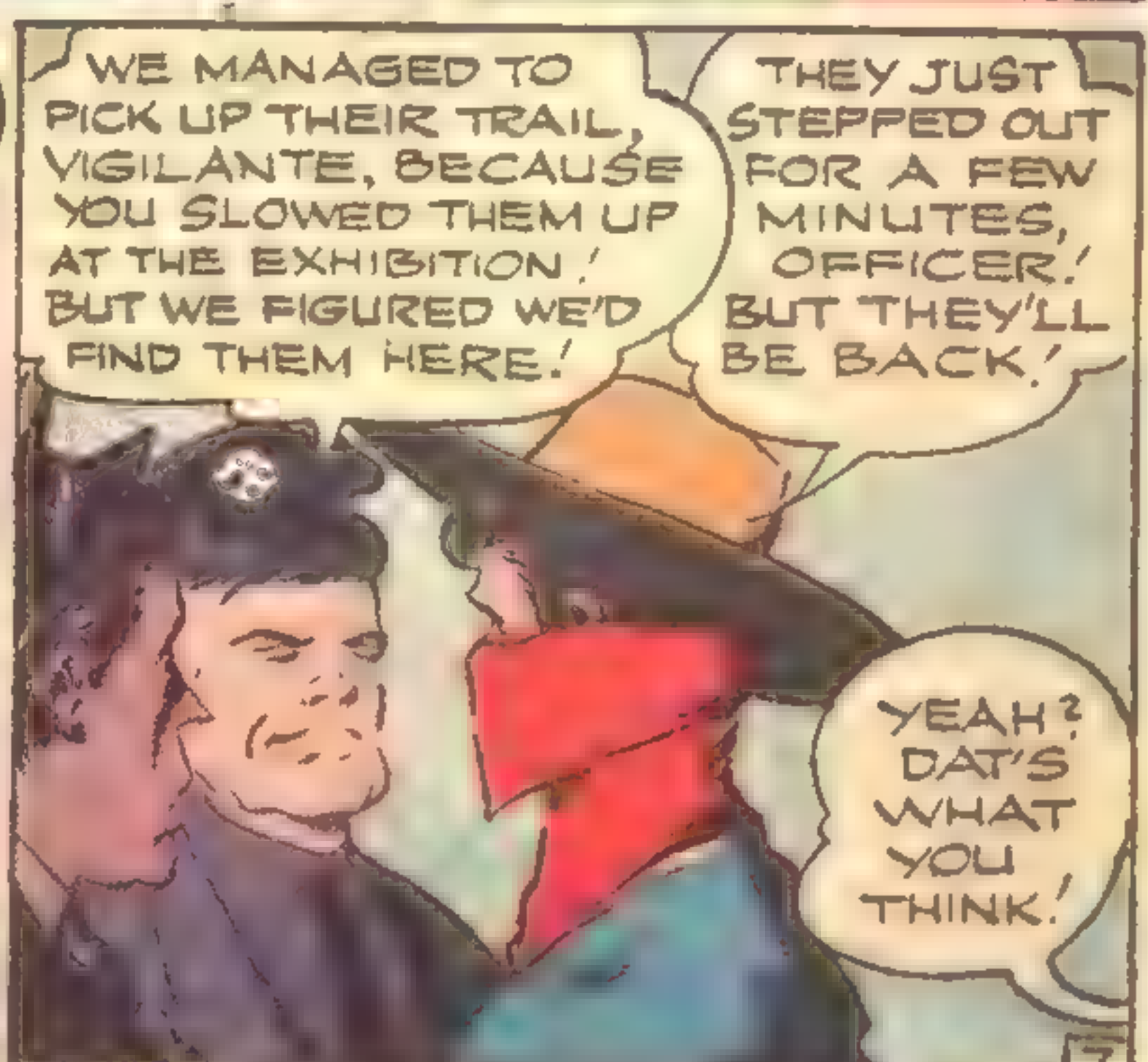
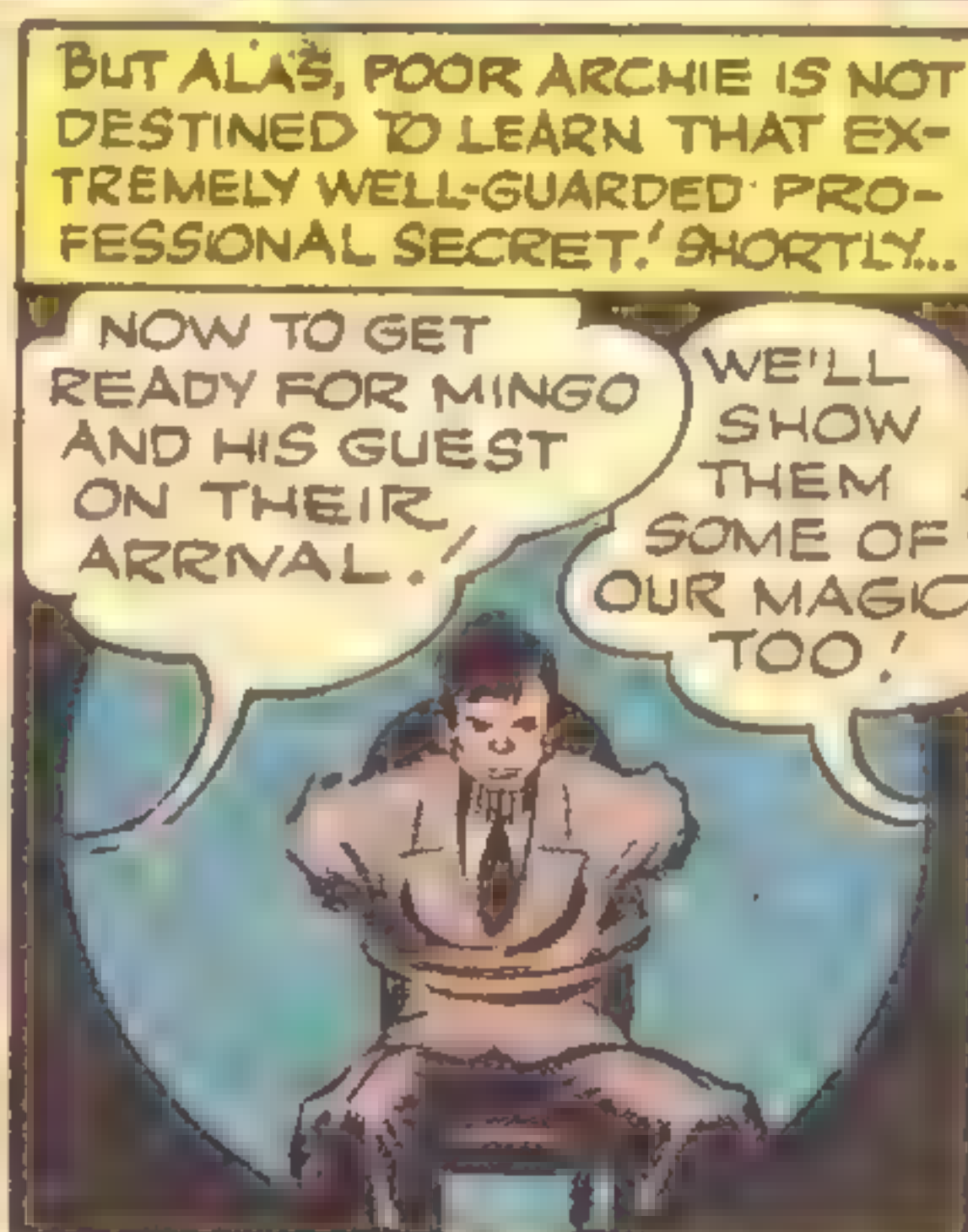
HUH..? WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

OUT OF THIN AIR! BUT I KNOW OF A BETTER ONE THAN THAT! THINK OF A CARD..

SURE... DA ACE OF DIAMONDS!

NO, I DON'T MEAN THAT! THINK OF IT, BUT DON'T TELL ME WHAT IT IS!

GOOD OLD STUFF! HE'S KEEPIN' ARCHIE'S ATTENTION ON HIS CARDS, SO THAT I CAN INCH UP TO THE TABLE!



DA BOSS AIN'T NO SAP! WHEN HE LEAVES HERE, HE FIXES UP AN ALARM SYSTEM, SO DAT IF STRANGERS COME AROUND IT TOINS ON A RED LIGHT SOMEPLACE! HE AIN'T WALKIN' INTO NO COPPERS' TRAP!

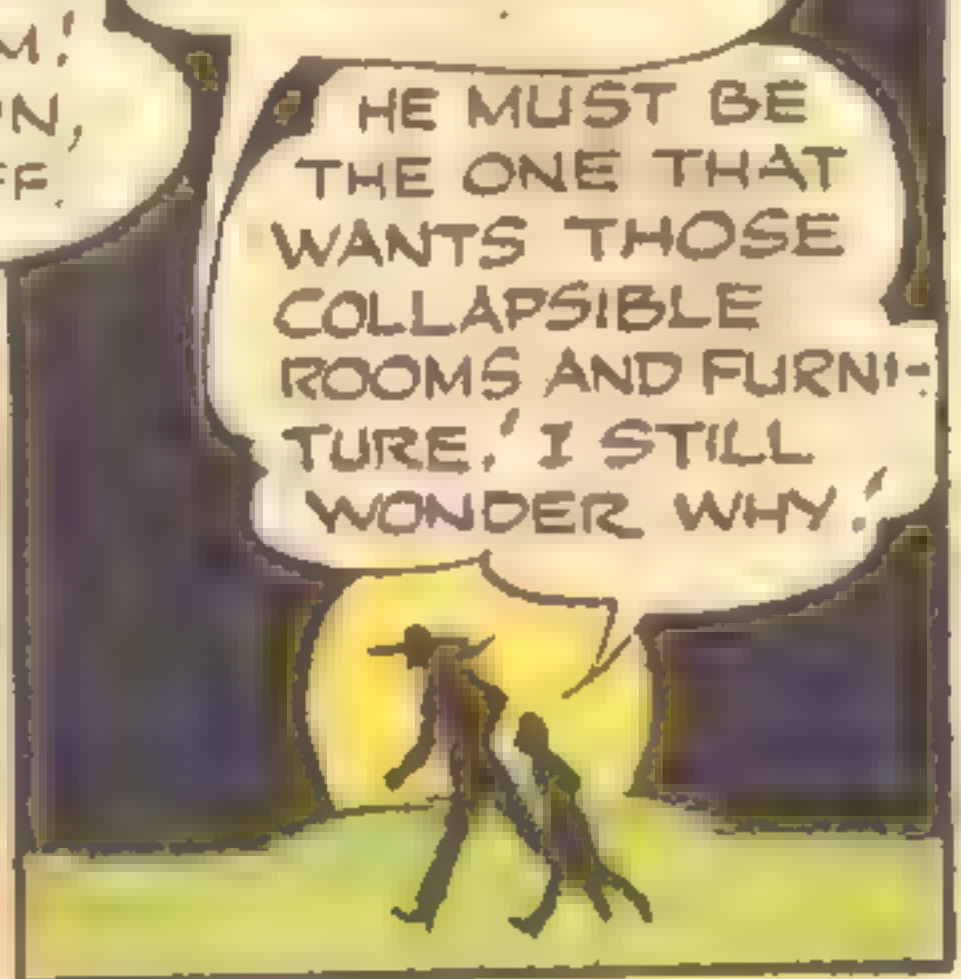
BY DIS TIME, HE PROBABLY KNOWS SUMPIN'S WRONG! HE MUSTA SCRAMMED ALREADY!

SORRY, VIGILANTE! IF WE HAD LEFT HIM TO YOU, YOU'D HAVE GOT HIM!

WHILE THEY WERE CARRYING ME OUT OF THAT TRUCK, I HEARD MINGO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING THE BIG SHOT! THAT MUST BE BIG SHOT SHELTON...WE'LL PAY HIM A VISIT!

FORGET IT. PARDNER! THERE MAY STILL BE A WAY TO GET HIM! COME ON, STUFF.

HE MUST BE THE ONE THAT WANTS THOSE COLLAPSIBLE ROOMS AND FURNITURE! I STILL WONDER WHY!



SHORTLY...

SHELTON'S PROBABLY IN HIS OFFICE!

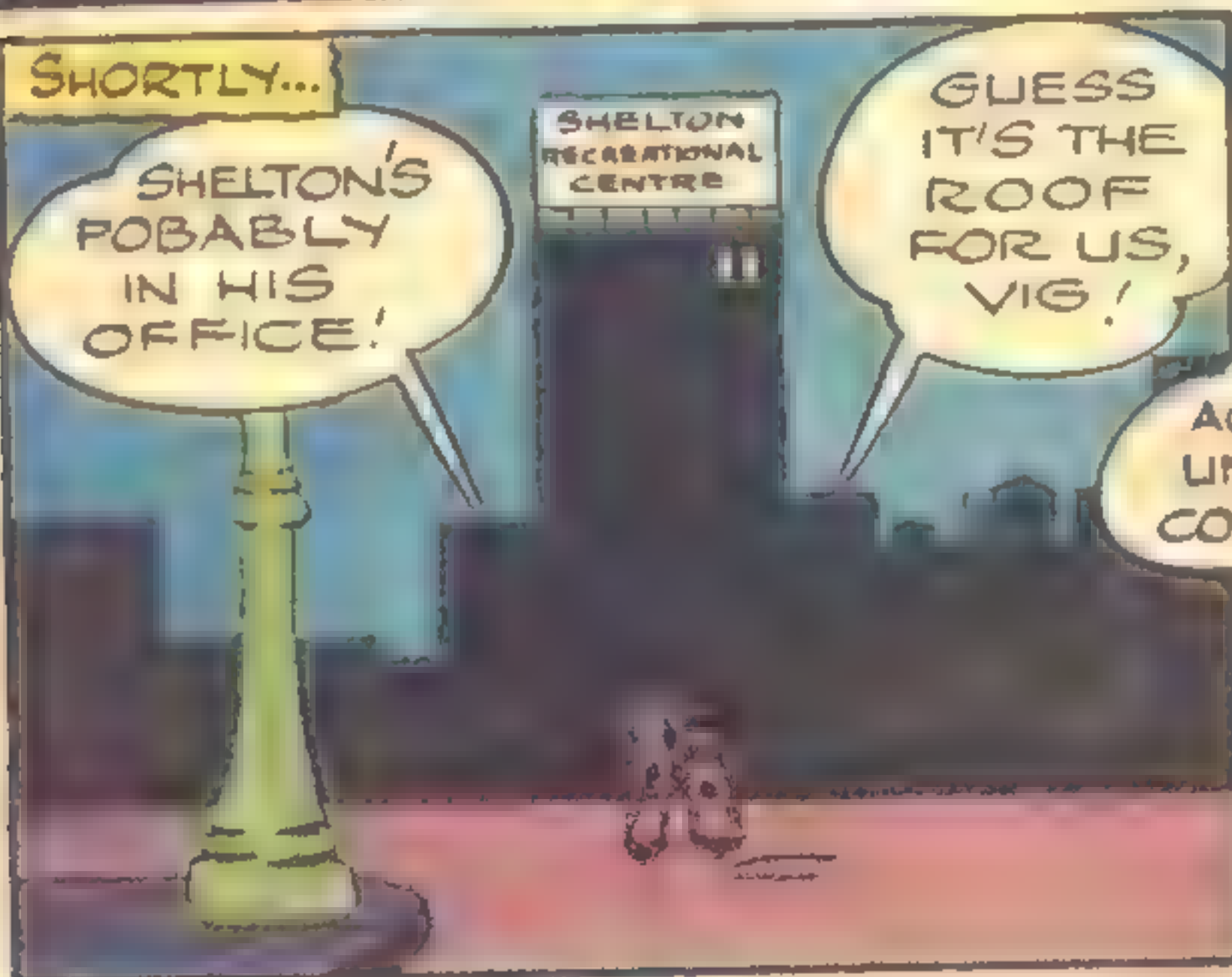
SHELTON RECREATIONAL CENTRE

GUESS IT'S THE ROOF FOR US, VIG!

SO YOU LOST EVERYTHING YA HIJACKED, EH, MINGO?

THEY'RE IN THE NEXT ROOM!

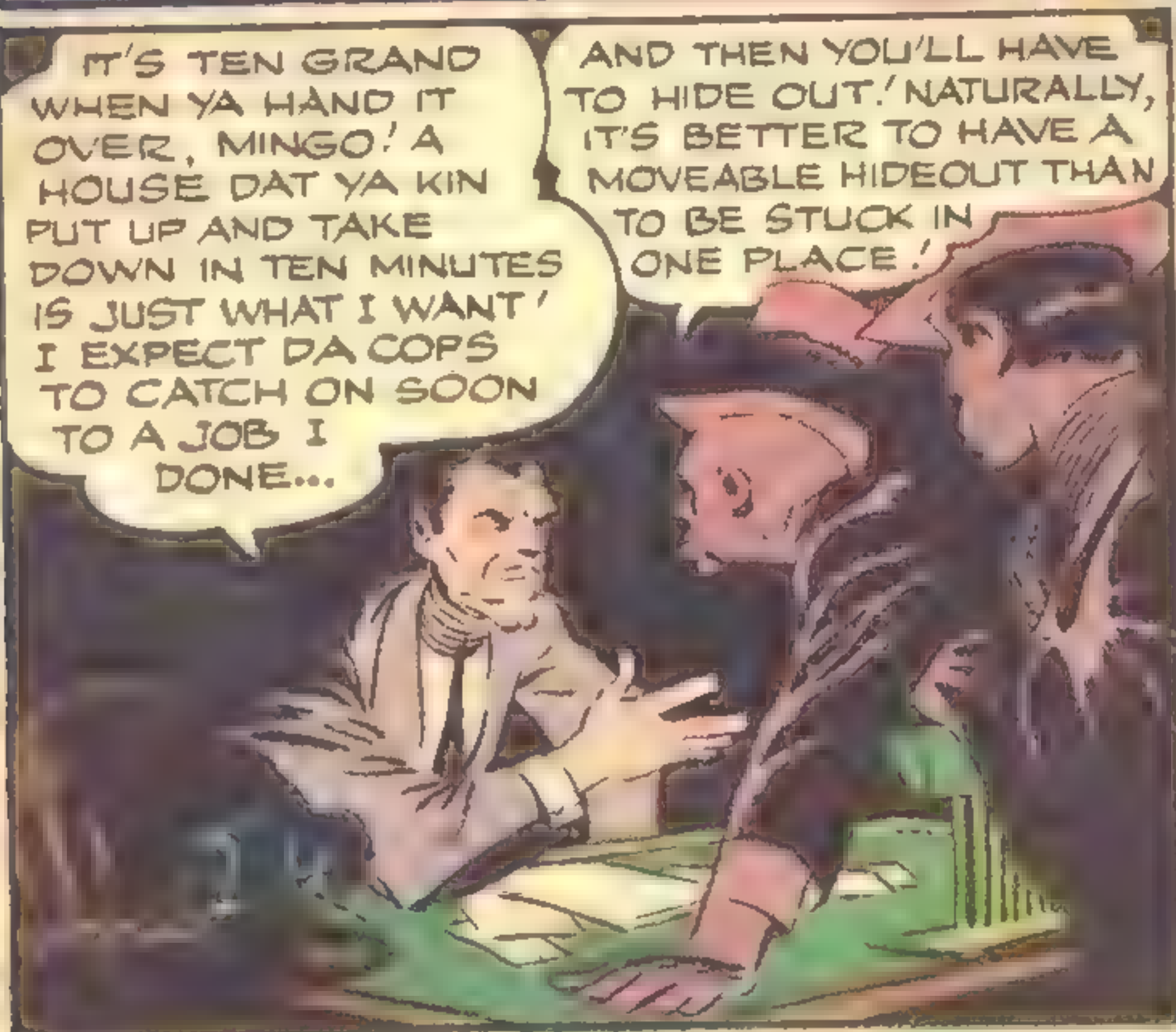
YES, BUT MAYBE TONIGHT I'LL BE ABLE TO SNEAK IT OUT AGAIN FROM UNDER THOSE COPS' NOSES!

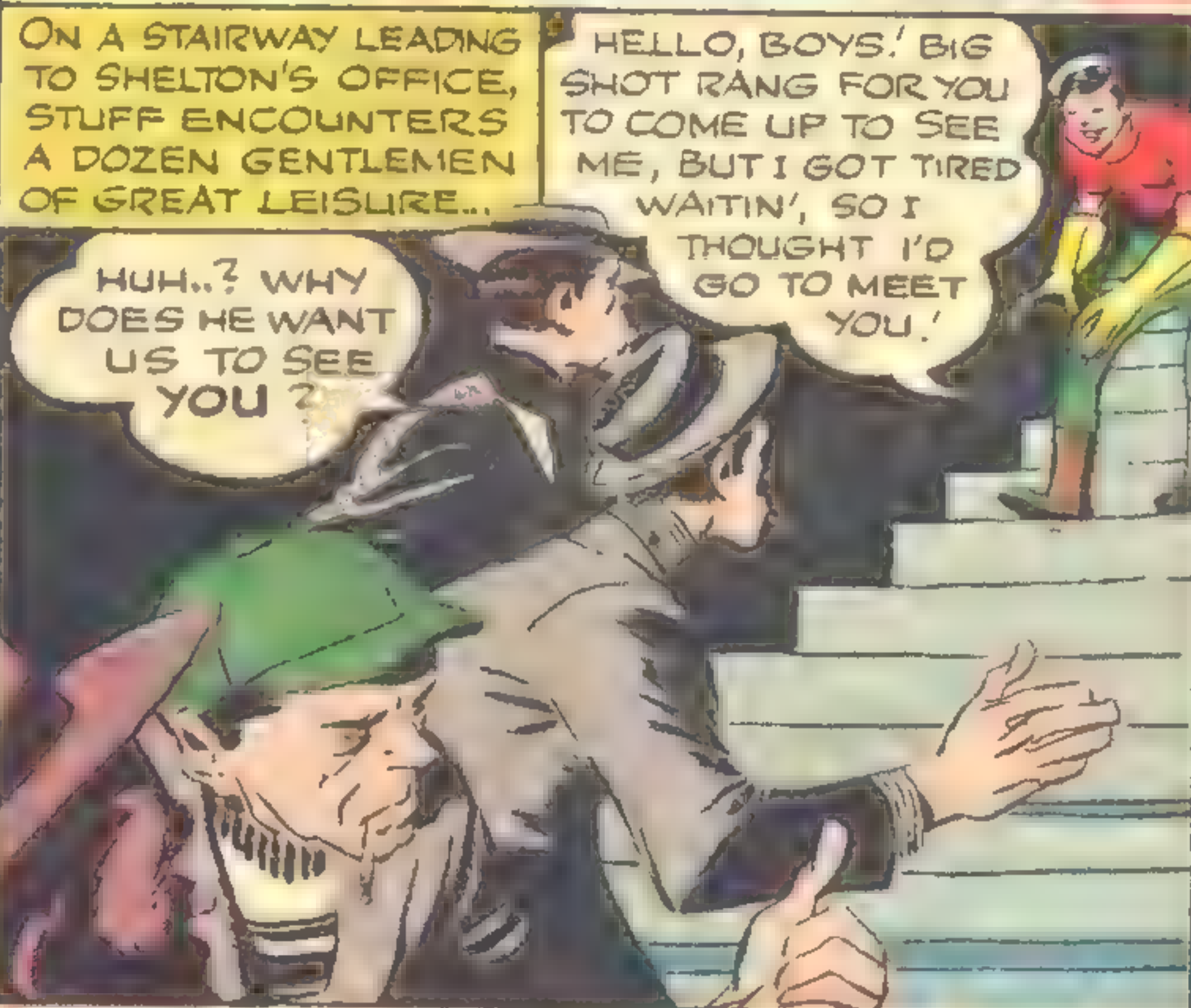
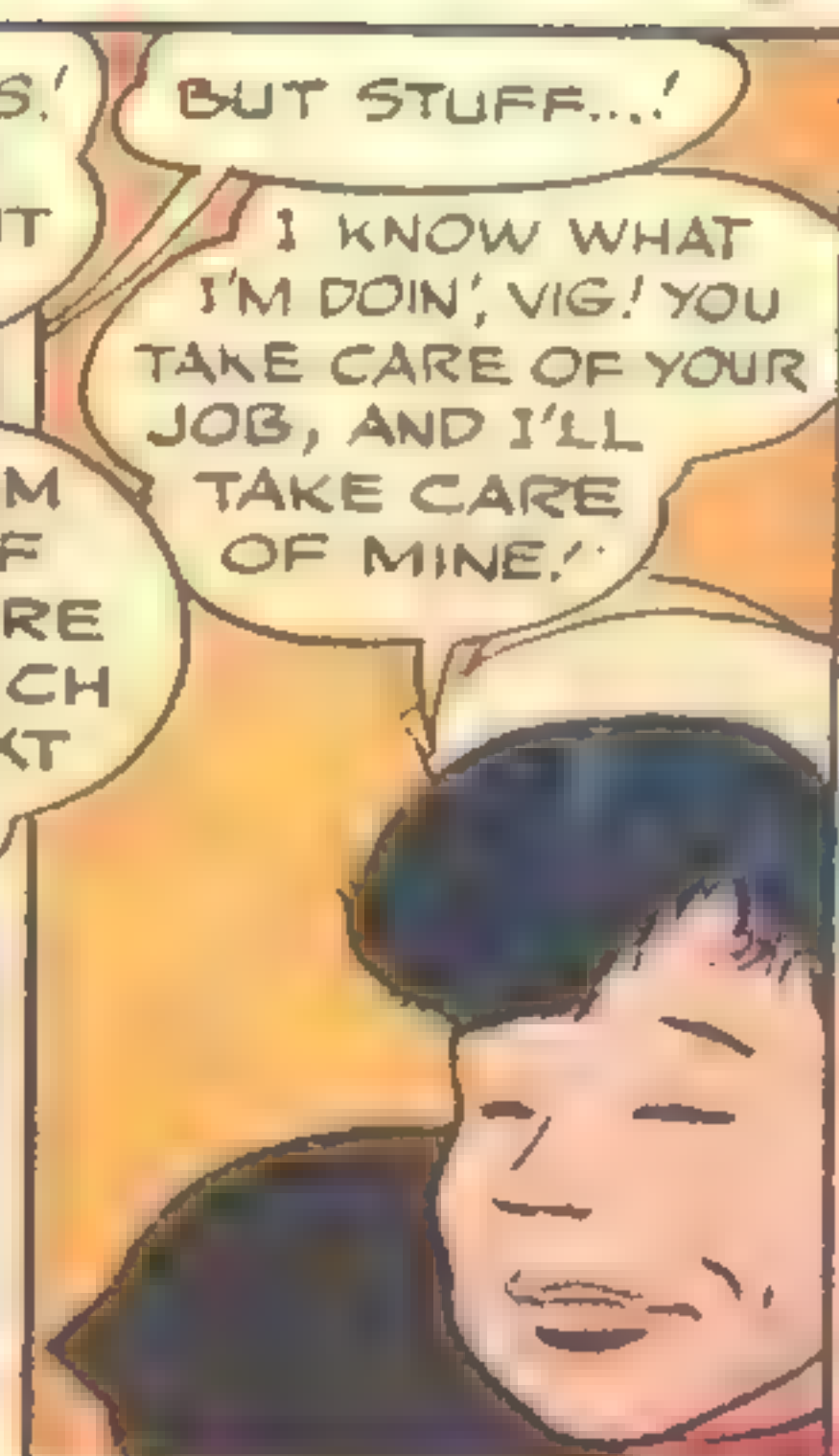
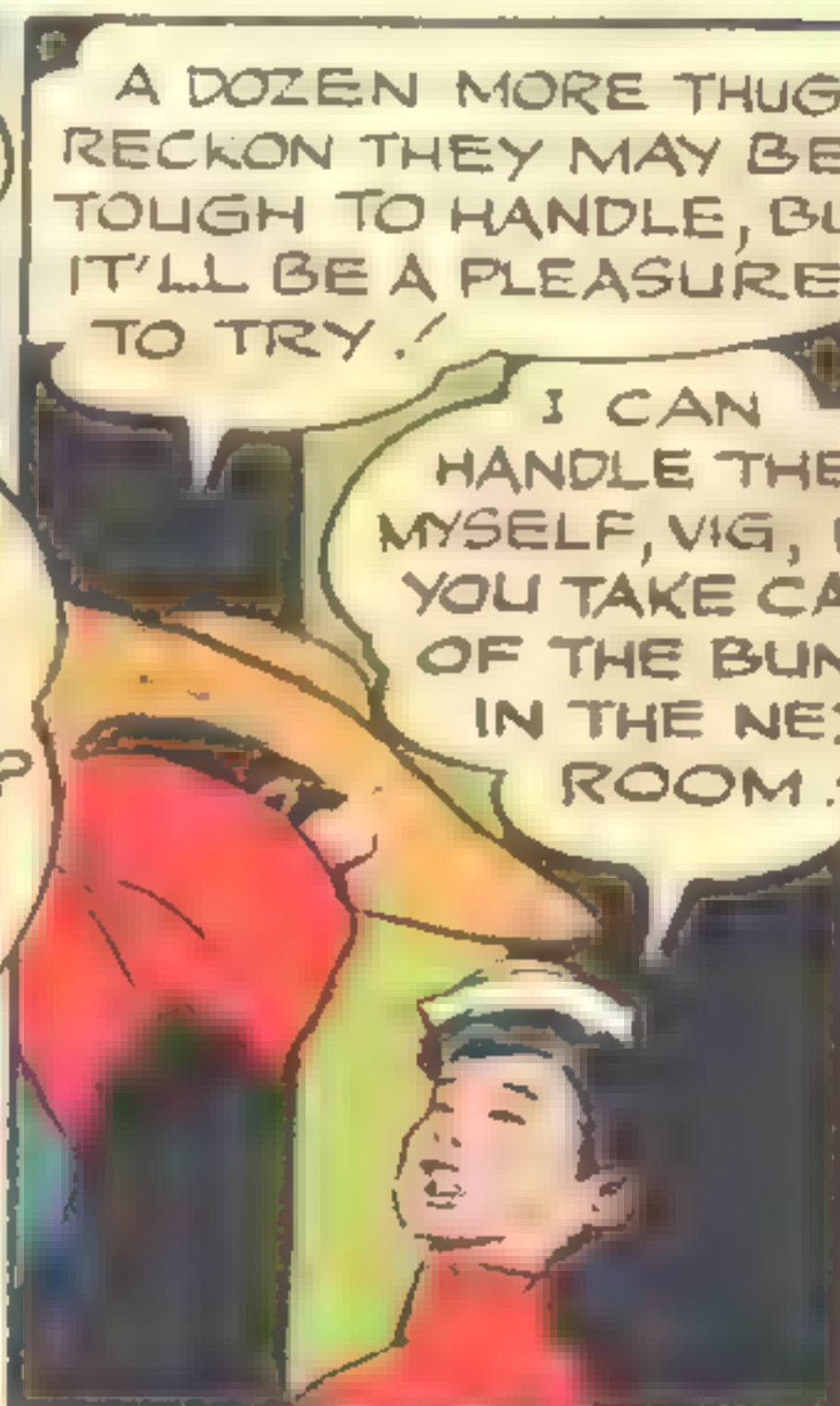


IT'S TEN GRAND WHEN YA HAND IT OVER, MINGO! A HOUSE DAT YA KIN PUT UP AND TAKE DOWN IN TEN MINUTES IS JUST WHAT I WANT! I EXPECT DA COPS TO CATCH ON SOON TO A JOB I DONE...

AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO HIDE OUT! NATURALLY, IT'S BETTER TO HAVE A MOVEABLE HIDEOUT THAN TO BE STUCK IN ONE PLACE!

YEAH, I KIN CARRY IT AROUND WID ME IN A TRUCK! JUST A NEW PAINT JOB, AND NOBODY RECOGNIZES IT!





MEANWHILE, THE WESTERN WADDY IS PERFORMING A FEW FEATS OF HIS OWN!

TALKIN' ABOUT MODELS FOR THINGS THAT FOLD, SIDEWINDER- YOU COULD SET AN EXAMPLE!

THE VIGILANTE! SHOOT HIM...

WE GOT THE ROSCOES YA LIFTED OFF HIM!

WE'LL PLUG 'IM WID HIS OWN RODS!

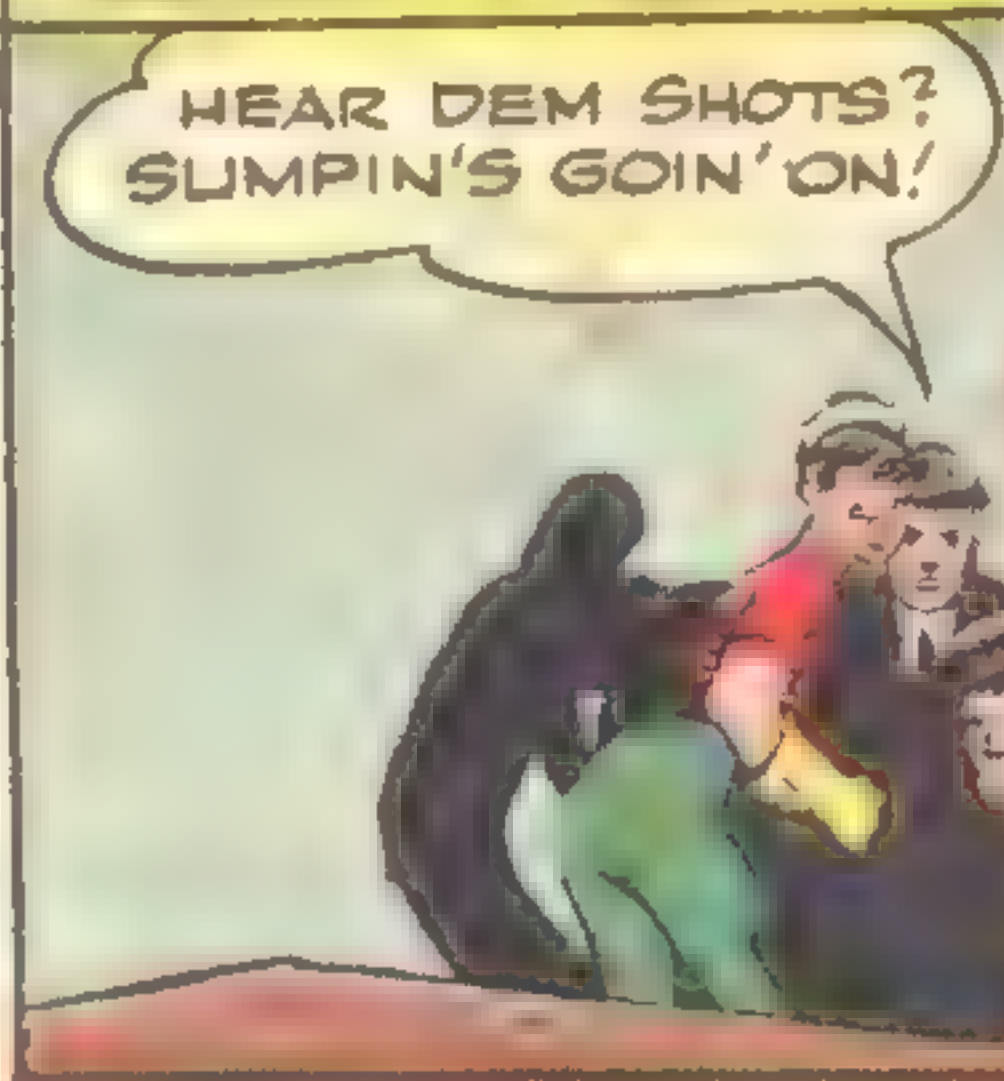


BUT THE VIGILANTE ACTS WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED!

YOU'RE FORGETTIN' THIS SHOOTIN' IRON I LIFTED OFF ARCHIE, VARMINTS!

A HITHERTO ABSORBED AUDIENCE LOOKS UP IN ALARM AT THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE! AND A SECOND LATER...

HEAR DEM SHOTS? SLUMPIN'S GOIN' ON!



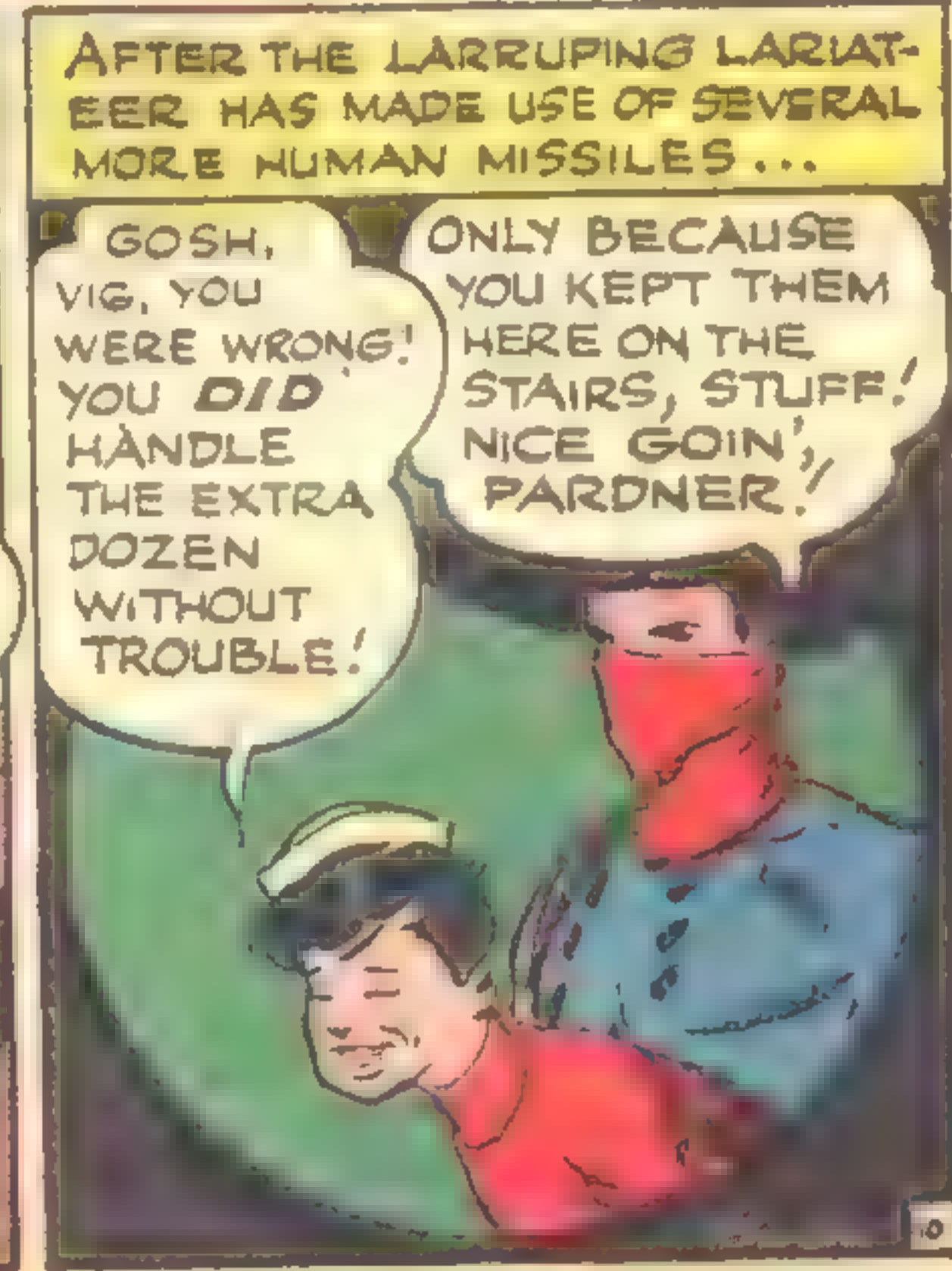
SURE IS! AS YOU WERE, COYOTES! IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU TO HELP BIG SHOT NOW!

DA VIG!

AFTER THE LARRUPING LARIATEER HAS MADE USE OF SEVERAL MORE HUMAN MISSILES...

GOSH, VIG, YOU WERE WRONG! YOU *DID* HANDLE THE EXTRA DOZEN WITHOUT TROUBLE!

ONLY BECAUSE YOU KEPT THEM HERE ON THE STAIRS, STUFF! NICE GOIN', PARDNER!



ZATARA

THE MASTER MAGICIAN

MANY TIMES ZATARA'S RUN AGAINST THE CLEVER RUSES OF A CROOK! BUT FEW ARE MORE CUNNINGLY CONCEIVED THAN THE TRICKS OF WILY "STONE" STANNER! FROM RIO TO THE STATES THE MYSTERY RUNS — AND THICKENS AS IT GOES... UNTIL ZATARA, GRIMLY HOLDING TO HIS COURSE, HITS UPON THE AMAZING SECRET OF THE ...

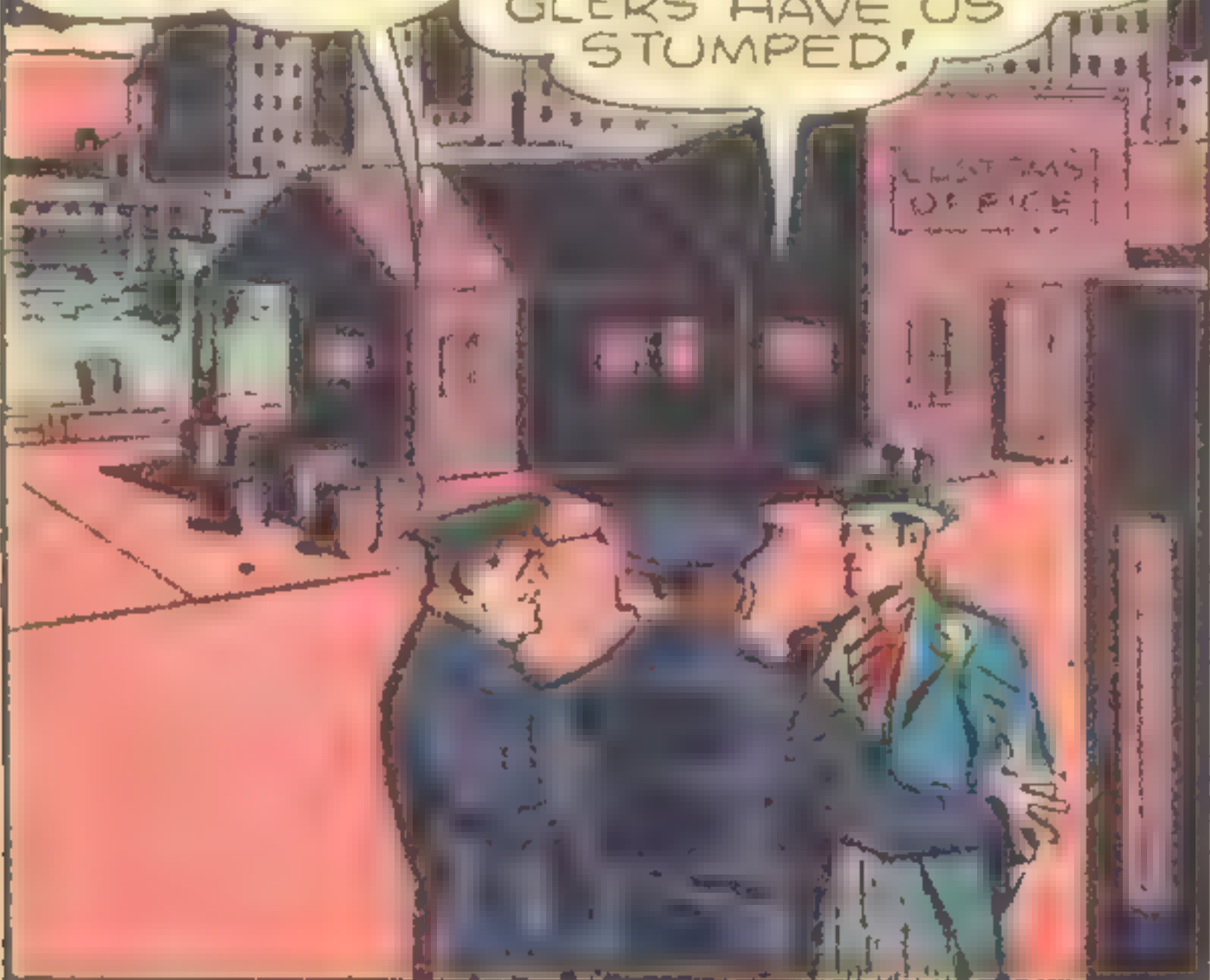
"SEA-GOING SPARKLERS!"



AT A UNITED STATES PORT OF ENTRY...

GLAD YOU'RE HERE, ZATARA!

WE'LL HAVE TO ADMIT IT... THESE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS HAVE US STUMPED!



THERE'S THE STAR OF RIO DOCKING NOW!

WE'RE ALMOST CERTAIN SHE'S THE SHIP THAT'S RUNNING BRAZILIAN DIAMONDS! BUT NO MATTER HOW CAREFULLY WE SEARCH, WE NEVER UNCOVER THE GEMS!



WHILE THE STEAMER DOCKS...

NO LUCK YET, HAMMER!

KEEP TRYING!

CUSTOMS OFFICE

HMMM! WONDER WHAT THOSE FELLOWS EXPECT TO CATCH AROUND HERE?

HOOKED IT!

HEY! HERE COMES ZATARA!

HE MUST HAVE LEARNED ABOUT...

QUIET, YOU FOOL! ACT NATURAL!

HELLO! ANY LUCK?

GOT TO DISTRACT HIM!

OOPS! I'M AFRAID I GOT CAUGHT IN YOUR LINE!

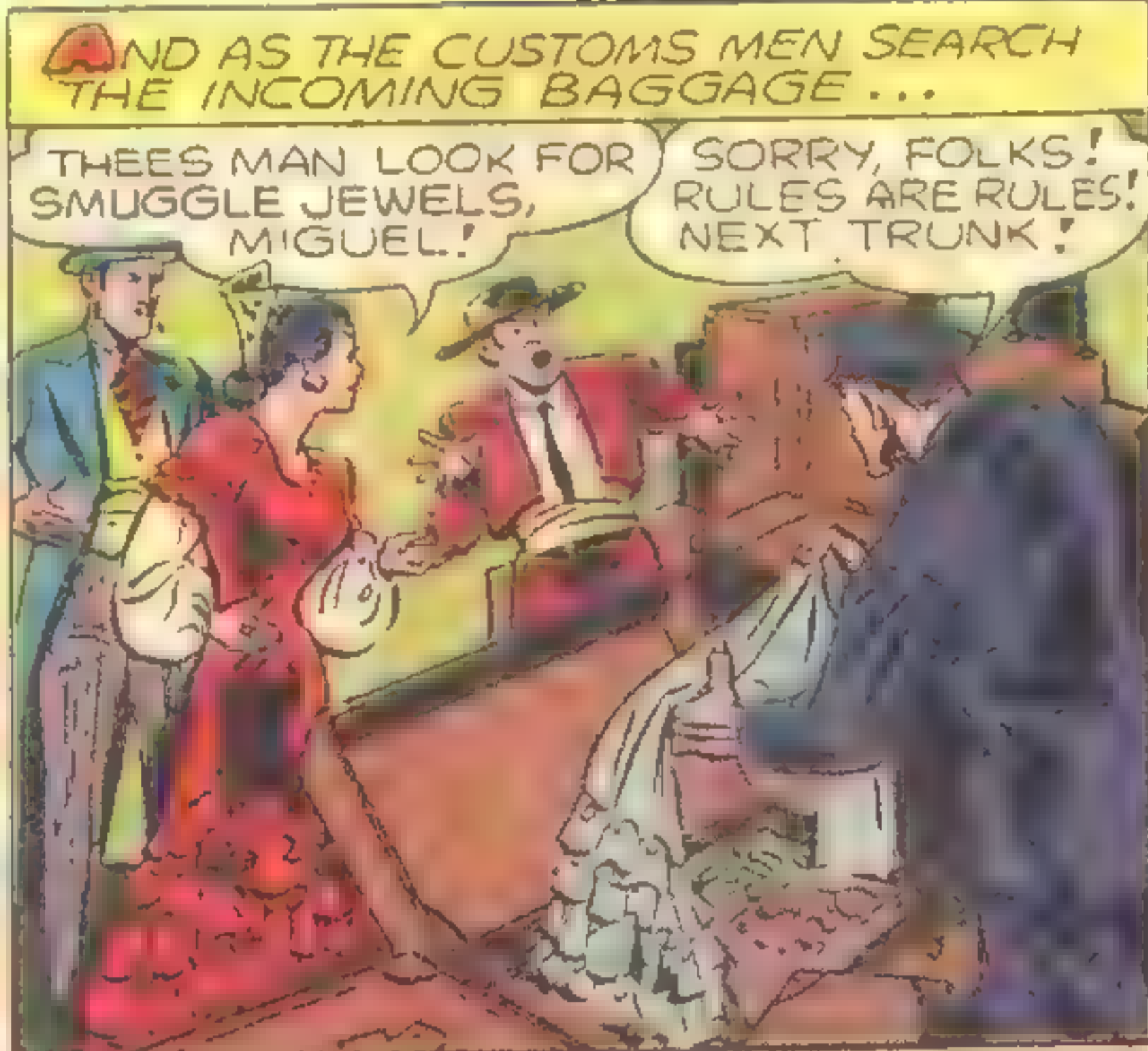
HMPH... A MAN CAN'T EVEN FISH IN PEACE!

COME ON, HAMMER, THIS PLACE IS GETTING TOO CROWDED!



HMM—MIGHTY TOUCHY PAIR OF ANGLERS!

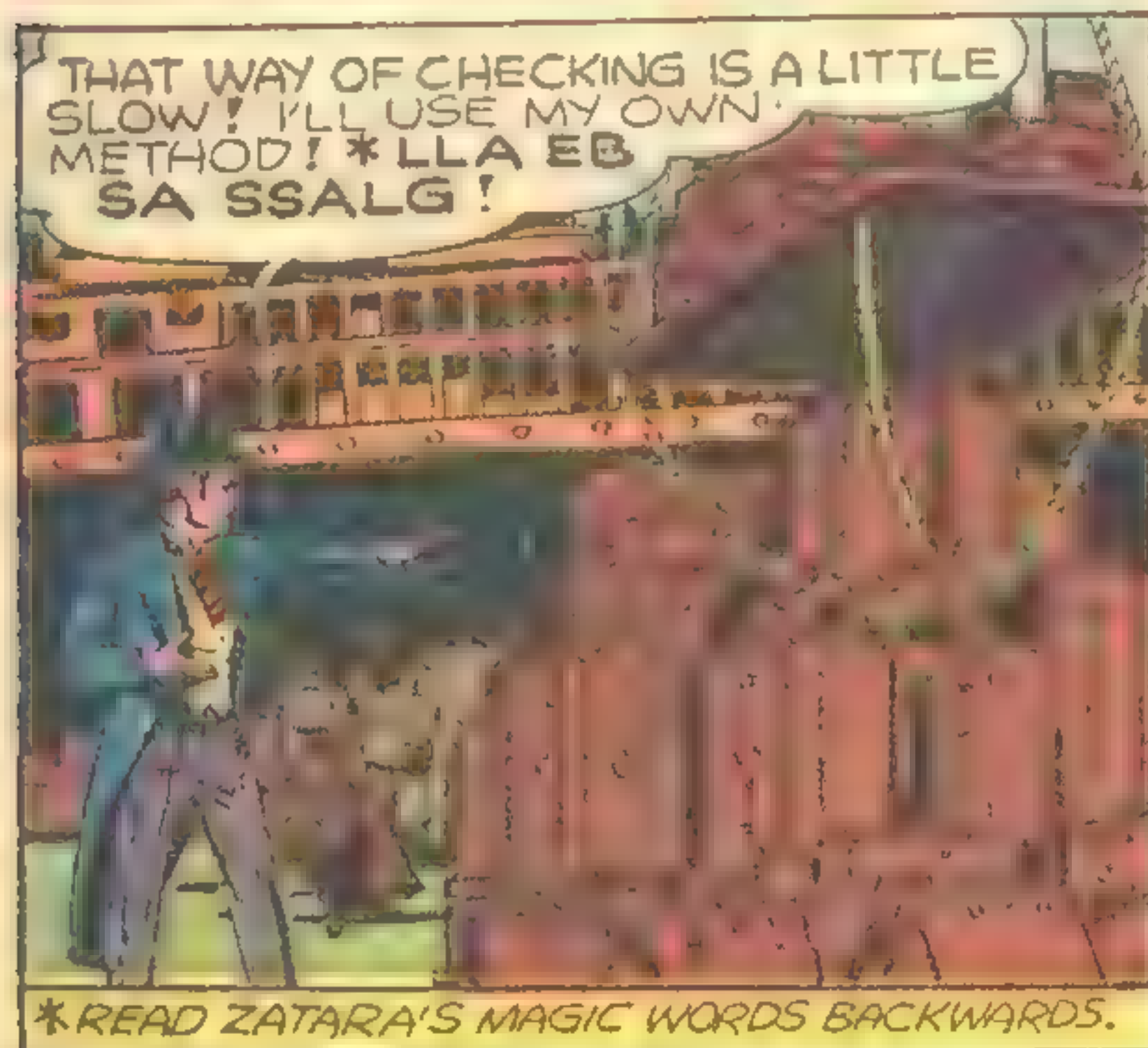
COMING, ZATARA?



AND AS THE CUSTOMS MEN SEARCH THE INCOMING BAGGAGE...

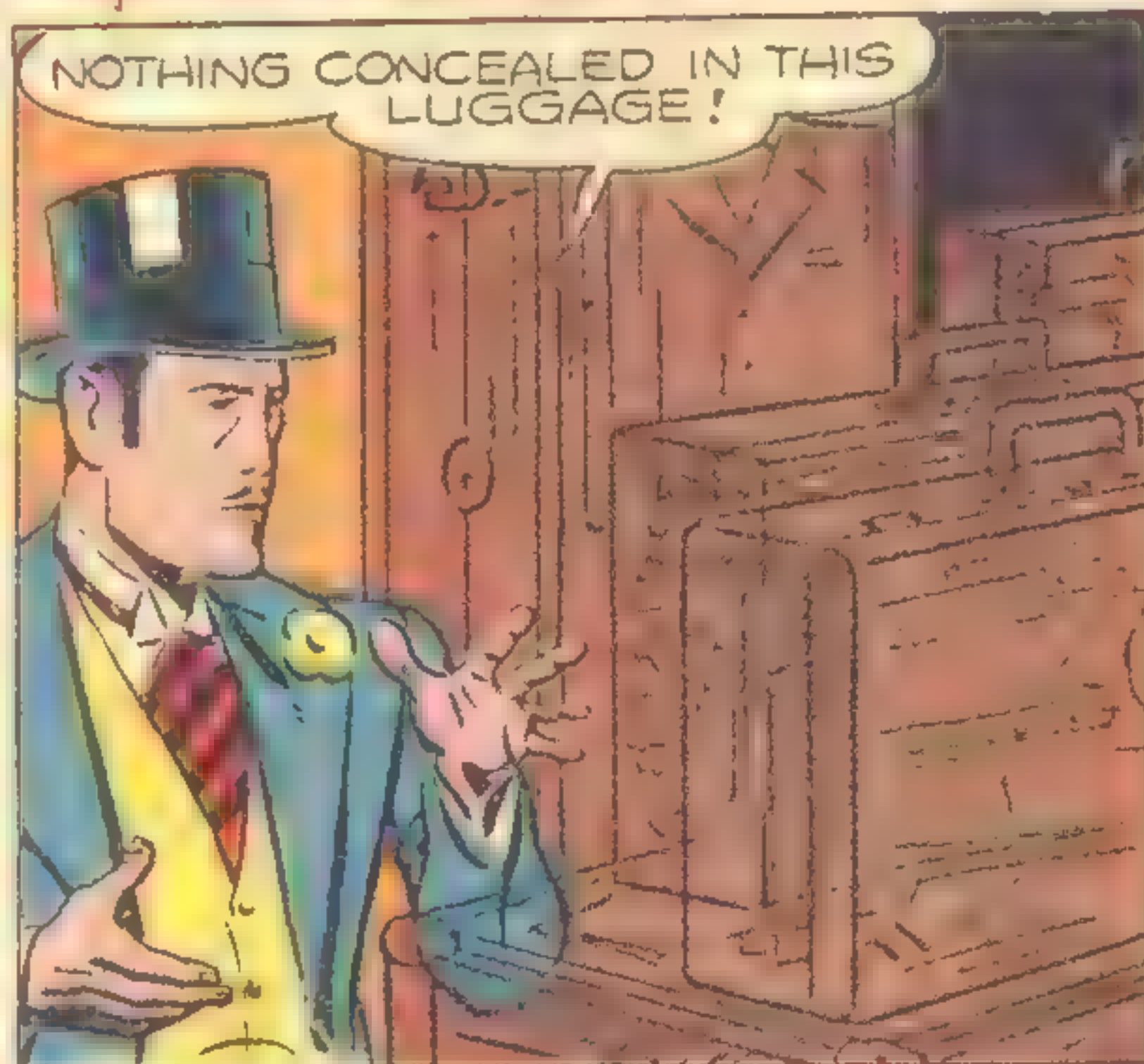
THEES MAN LOOK FOR SMUGGLE JEWELS, MIGUEL!

SORRY, FOLKS! RULES ARE RULES! NEXT TRUNK!



THAT WAY OF CHECKING IS A LITTLE SLOW! I'LL USE MY OWN METHOD! *LLA EB SA SSALG!

*READ ZATARA'S MAGIC WORDS BACKWARDS.

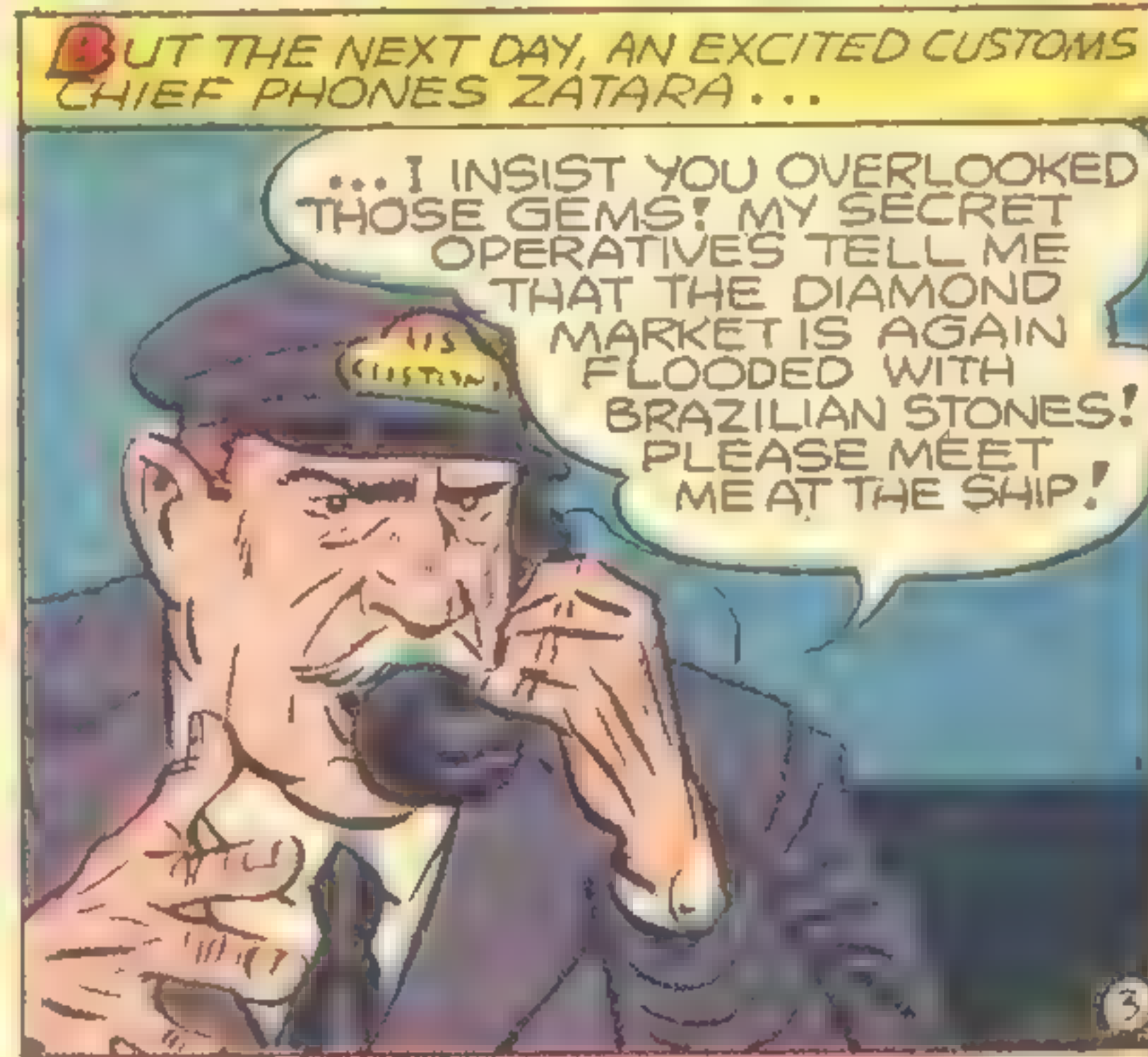


NOTHING CONCEALED IN THIS LUGGAGE!



IT'S NO USE! WE CAN'T FIND A THING!

IT LOOKS AS IF THE STAR OF RIO ISN'T RUNNING DIAMONDS THIS TRIP!



BUT THE NEXT DAY, AN EXCITED CUSTOMS CHIEF PHONES ZATARA...

...I INSIST YOU OVERLOOKED THOSE GEMS! MY SECRET OPERATIVES TELL ME THAT THE DIAMOND MARKET IS AGAIN FLOODED WITH BRAZILIAN STONES! PLEASE MEET ME AT THE SHIP!

SEEMS WE CAN'T
TRACE THEM AT THIS
END, ZATARA! WON'T
YOU GO DOWN TO
RIO AND
INVESTIGATE?

I'D BETTER!
I'M AS BAFFLED
AS YOU ARE!

SO ZATARA GOES ROLLING DOWN TO RIO!

LOOK AT THE CHILDREN,
ZATARA—DIVING FOR COINS
THE PASSENGERS THROW
INTO THE WATER!

BUT THAT ONE'S
NO CHILD! AND
HE'S IN TROUBLE!

RETAW EKAM THAP!

OCTOPLUS!
HELP!

THOSE WRITHING TENTACLES!
I DON'T DARE GET TOO
CLOSE!

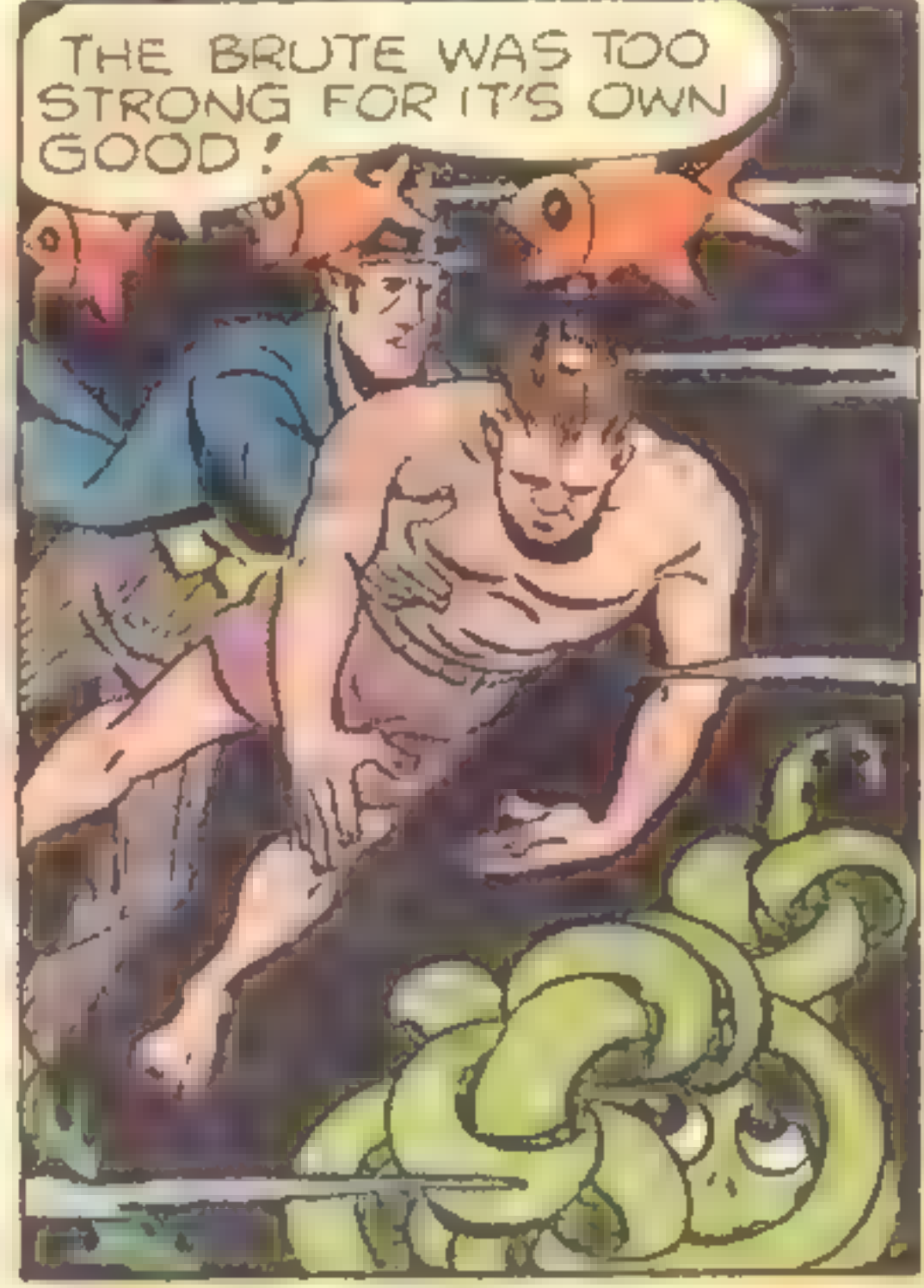
SELGATNET EIT TONK!



EKAM ELBUOD POOL!
EZEELQS!



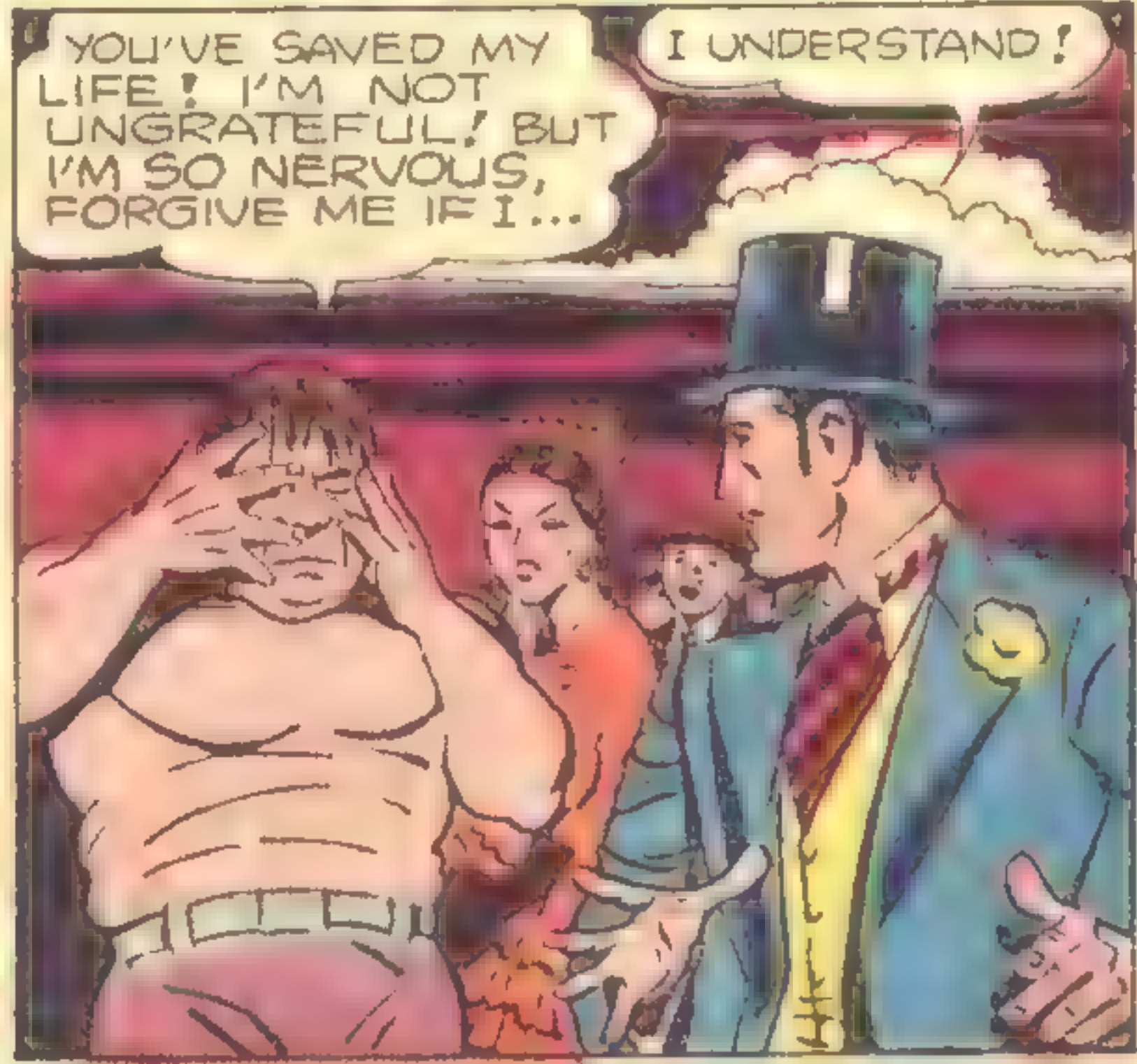
EKOHC FLES!
RETHGIT!



THE BRUTE WAS TOO
STRONG FOR IT'S OWN
GOOD!

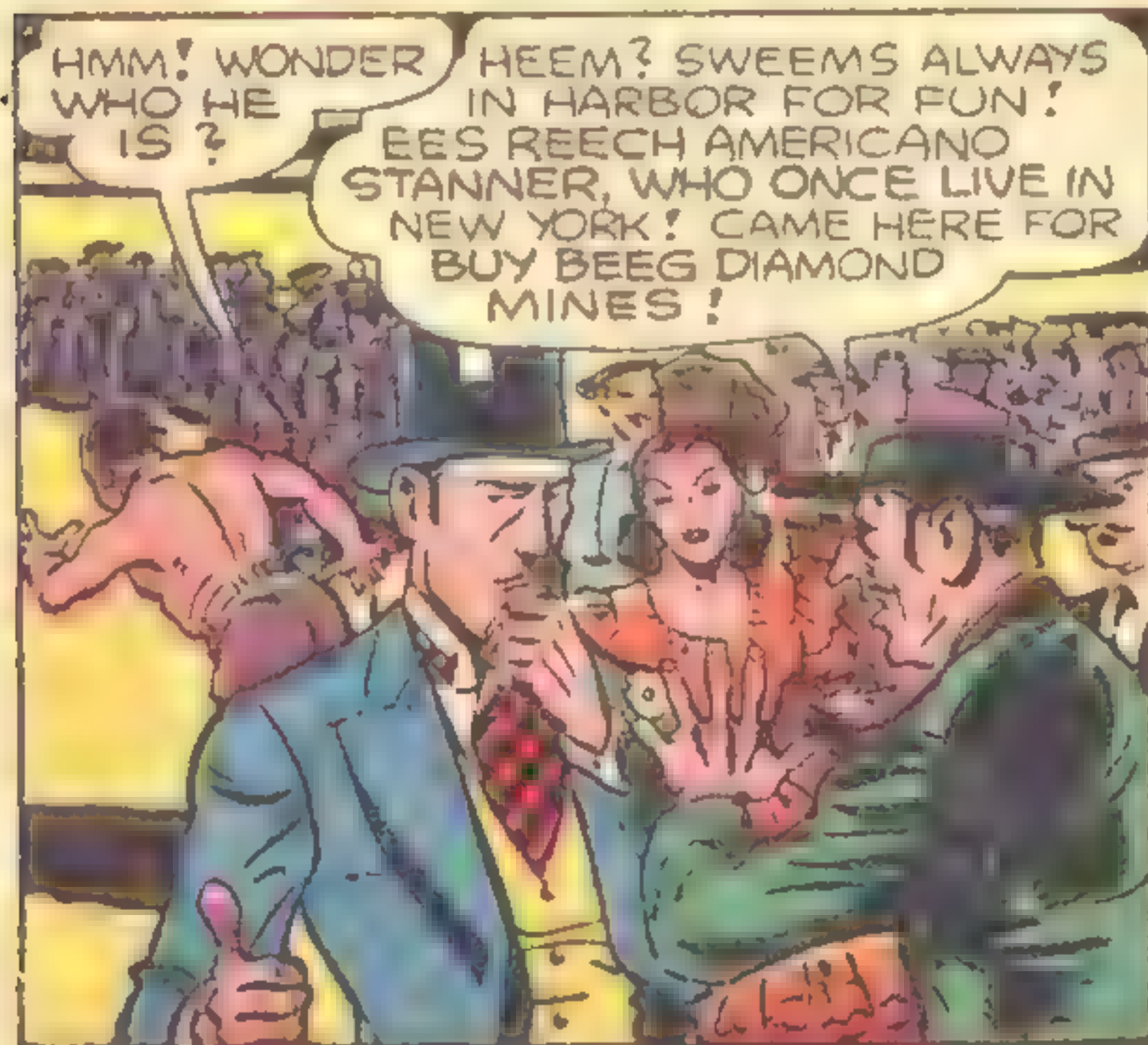


BETTER GET THIS FELLOW TO SHORE!
TEEF EB. ROTOM! ECAR!



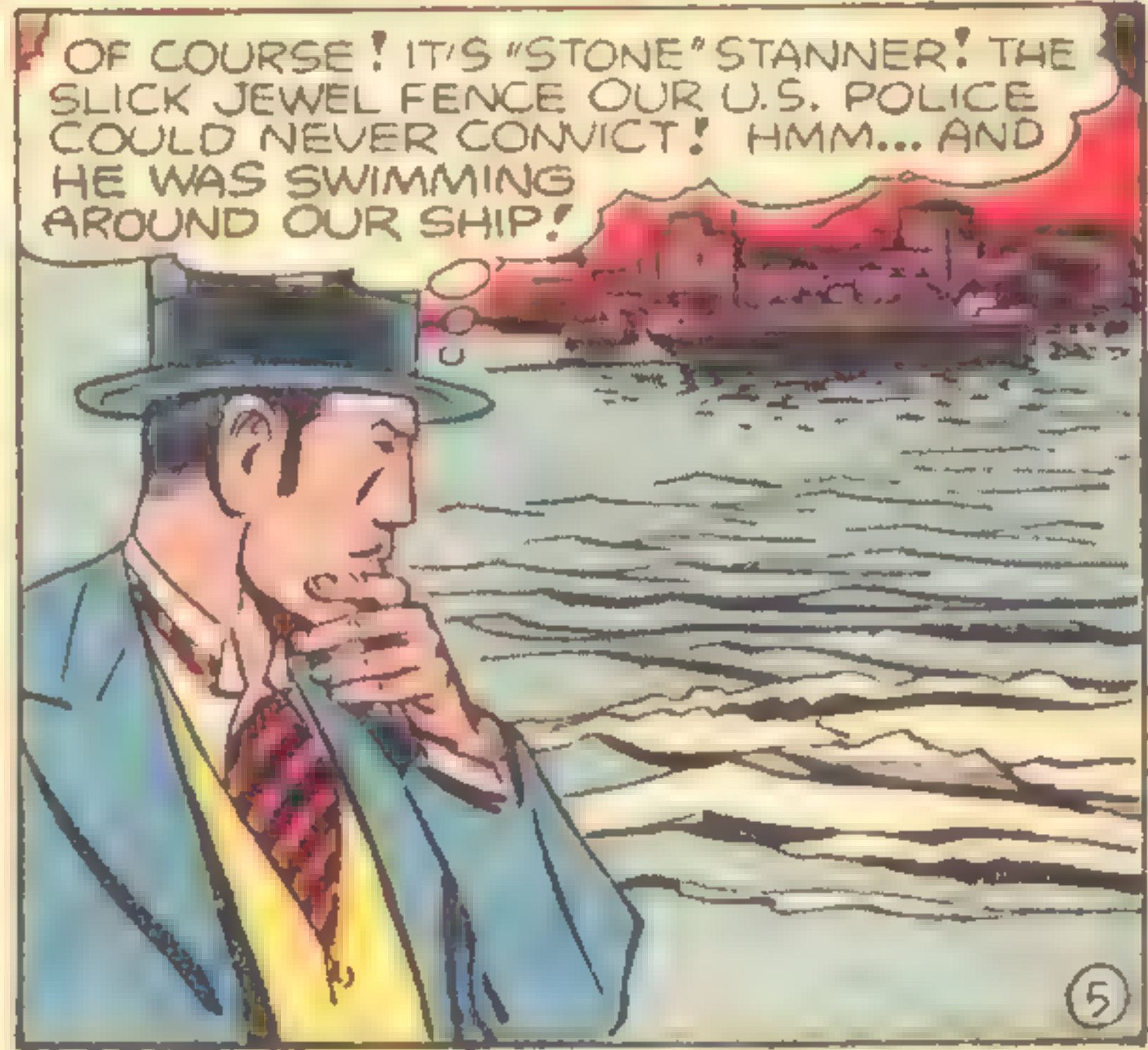
YOU'VE SAVED MY
LIFE! I'M NOT
UNGRATEFUL! BUT
I'M SO NERVOUS,
FORGIVE ME IF I...

I UNDERSTAND!

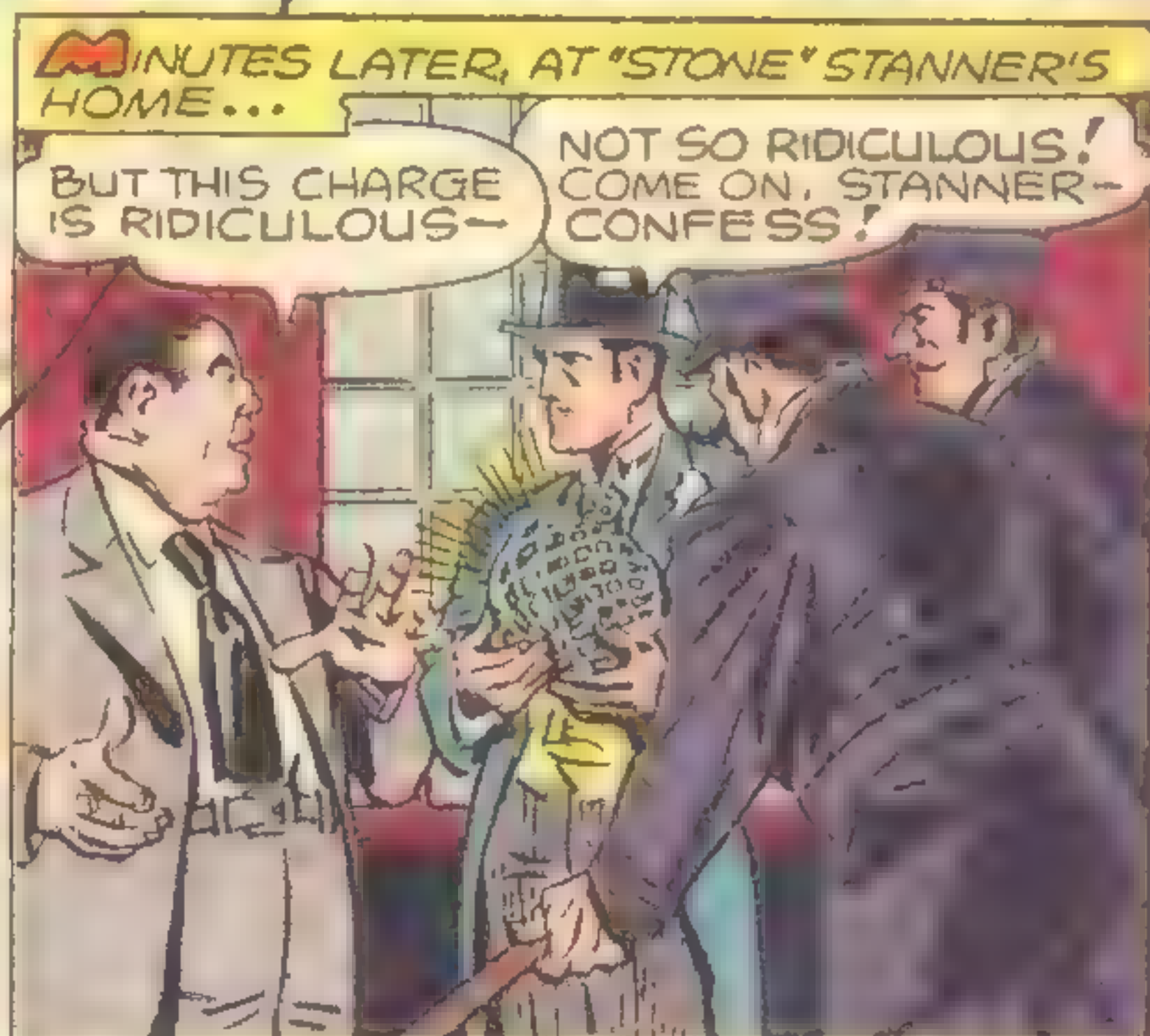
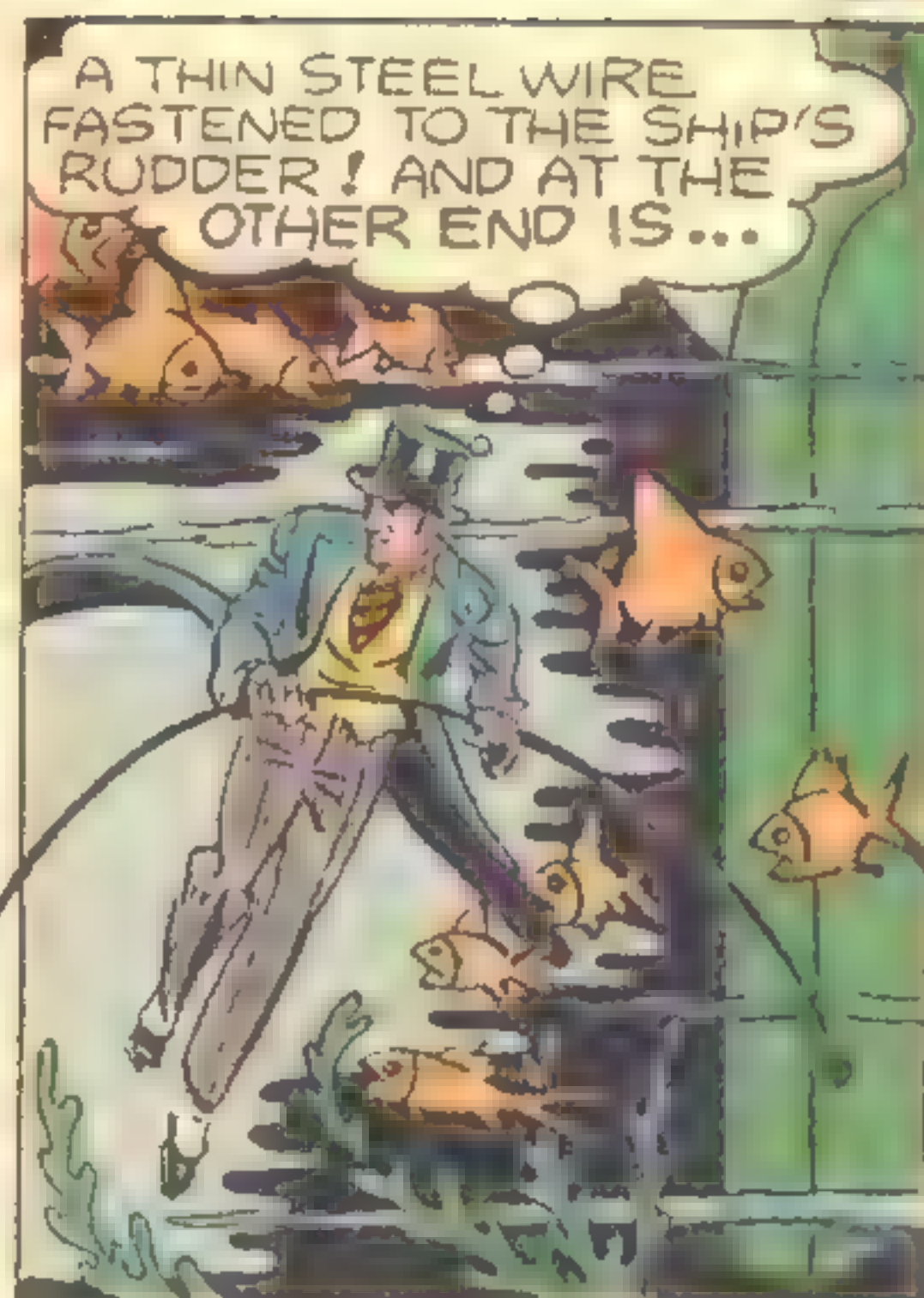


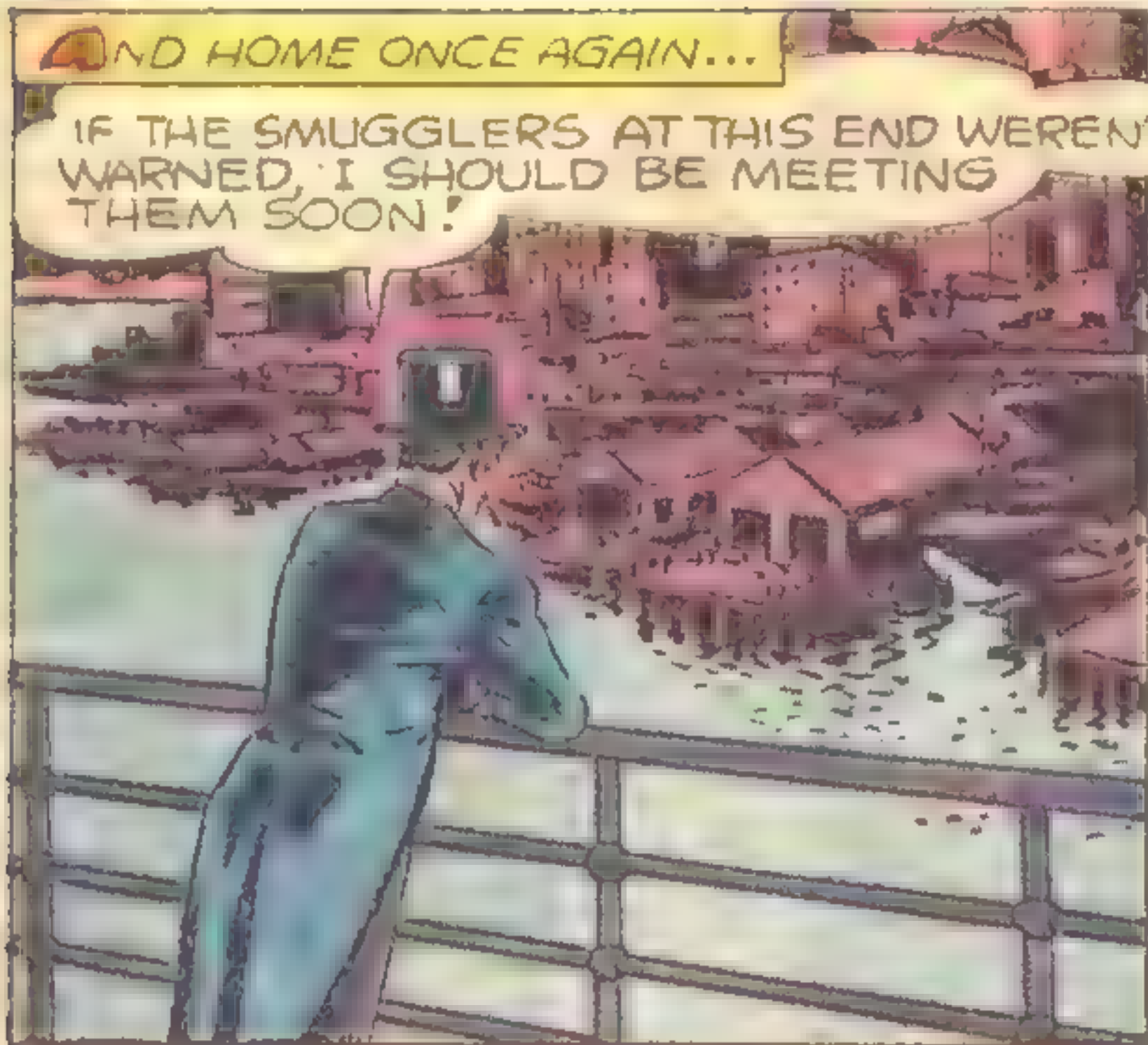
HMM! WONDER
WHO HE
IS?

HEEM? SWEEMS ALWAYS
IN HARBOR FOR FUN!
EES REECH AMERICANO
STANNER, WHO ONCE LIVE IN
NEW YORK! CAME HERE FOR
BUY BEEG DIAMOND
MINES!



OF COURSE! IT'S "STONE" STANNER! THE
SLICK JEWEL FENCE OUR U.S. POLICE
COULD NEVER CONVICT! Hmm... AND
HE WAS SWIMMING
AROUND OUR SHIP!







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the 1990s, the U.S. economy has been able to grow at a rapid pace, despite the fact that the federal government has been running a large budget deficit. This is due to a number of factors, including a strong private sector, a high level of technological innovation, and a relatively low level of government spending.

One of the key factors in the U.S. economic success is the private sector. The private sector is the part of the economy that is owned and operated by individuals or private companies. It is the private sector that creates most of the jobs and produces most of the goods and services that we use in our daily lives. The private sector is also the source of most of the innovation and technological progress that we see in the U.S. economy.

Another key factor is the high level of technological innovation. The U.S. has been a leader in technological innovation for many years, and this has helped to drive economic growth. Technological innovation has led to the development of new products and services, which have created new jobs and increased productivity.

Finally, the U.S. has a relatively low level of government spending. While the federal government has been running a large budget deficit, state and local governments have been able to keep their spending under control. This has helped to keep the overall level of government spending low, which has allowed the private sector to grow and create jobs.

These factors have helped to drive the U.S. economy to a high level of growth and prosperity. However, there are still many challenges facing the U.S. economy, and it is important to continue to work on improving the economic environment.

One of the challenges facing the U.S. economy is the issue of income inequality. While the U.S. has a high level of economic growth, the benefits of this growth have not been shared equally by all Americans. This has led to a growing gap between the rich and the poor, which is a concern for many people.

Another challenge is the issue of government spending. While the federal government has been running a large budget deficit, state and local governments have been able to keep their spending under control. However, there is still a need for more government spending in certain areas, such as infrastructure and education. It is important to find a way to balance the need for government spending with the need to keep the budget under control.



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